

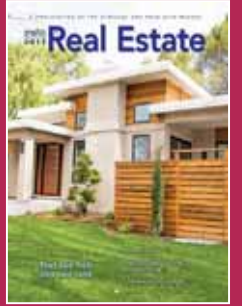
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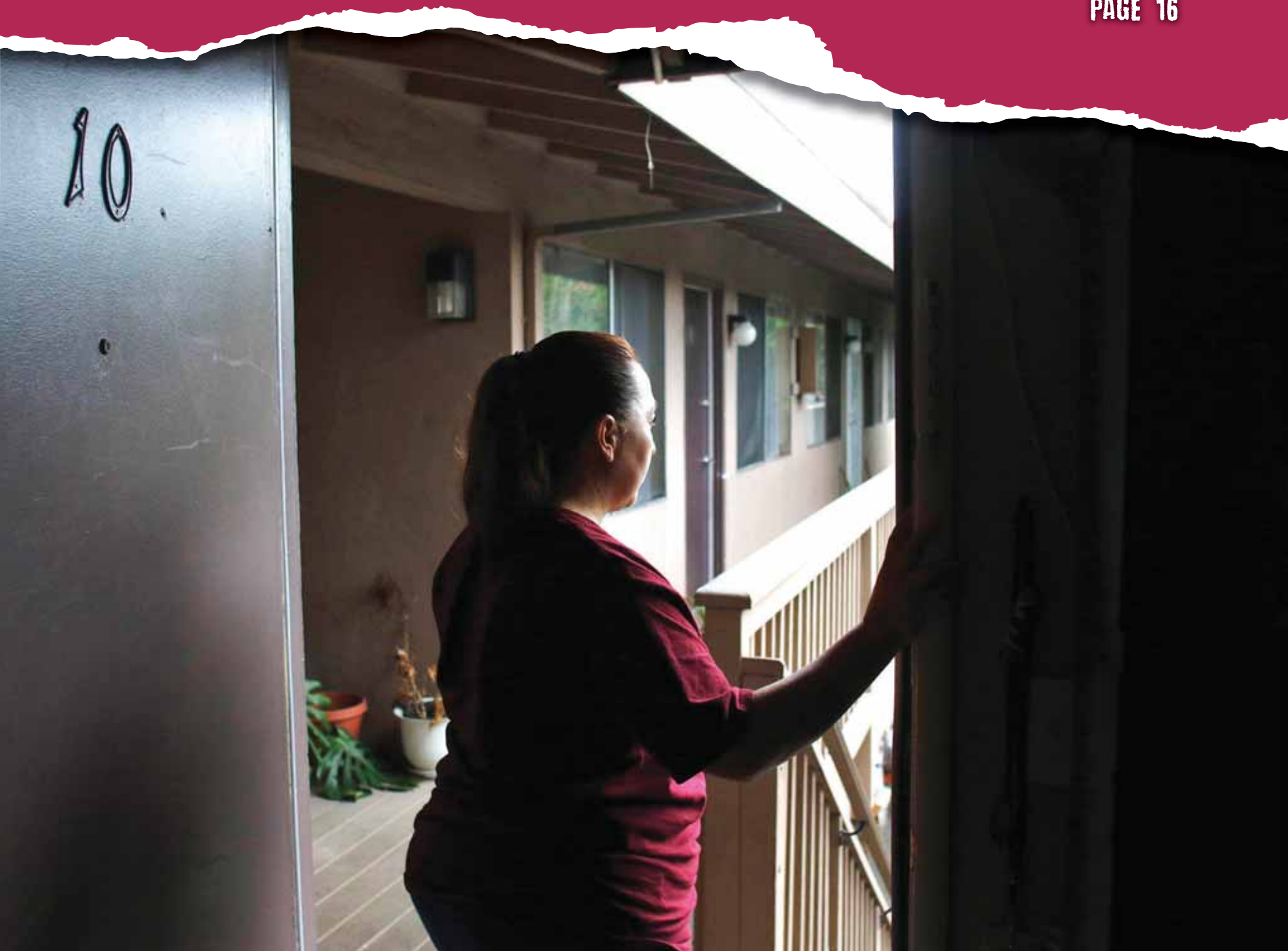
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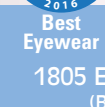
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Upfront

Local news, information and analysis

Palo Alto finds compromise on accessory housing

City Council allows 'granny' units only on large-enough lots

by Gennady Sheyner

For Adrienne Germain, Palo Alto's raging debate over accessory-dwelling units feels particularly personal. She was raised by a single mom, a teacher who allowed a tenant to move into a room in her house so that she could afford Germain's

college tuition at UC Santa Barbara. Today, Germain is facing a different challenge: Her mother-in-law has multiple myeloma, a cancer of plasma cells, and can no longer work.

Accessory-dwelling units — also known as "granny" units

— could've helped her with her prior challenge, she told the council Monday night. It can also aid her in the current one.

"We'd add an ADU in our backyard," Germain told the council. "This would allow us to remain in our community and also allow us to take care of her."

Neva Yarkin, a resident of Churchill Avenue, also is paying close attention to the issue. More than 30 years ago, a neighbor built

a two-story home overlooking her backyard and living room. Shortly thereafter, a neighbor on the other side built a two-story townhouse with a window looking into her kitchen.

"I have no windows in my house that neighbors can't see into," Yarkin told the council Monday night.

Germain and Yarkin were among the crowd of more than 200 people who flocked to City

Hall on Monday to either praise the City Council's recent move to ease restrictions on accessory-dwelling units or to blast the council for an action that they argued would threaten local neighborhoods. Many argued that accessory-dwelling units are a small, but critical solution to the city's housing problem. Others called the council's action reckless,

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Veronica Weber

Egret with an appetite

A hungry great egret snatches a gopher in its beak — one of at least six that it gobbled down in the afternoon on April 13 near Matadero Creek in Stanford. Egrets also are known to eat fish, frogs, salamanders, snakes and small birds, which they often catch by standing still and waiting for their prey to come close.

CITY HALL

Audits find flaws in Palo Alto's purchasing policies

City Auditor finds duplicate invoices, inaccurate vendor records

by Gennady Sheyner

As Palo Alto heads into what promises to be a challenging budget season, a new review from the Office of City Auditor has found that the city may have spent about \$800,000 on duplicate invoices between 2013 and 2015.

While much of the money had been subsequently recovered, the audit faults the city for lacking effective procedures to identify duplicate payments and recommends that the Administrative Services Department remove from its database thousands of vendors that are no longer used or that had provided erroneous information.

The audit relied on sampling and data analytics to determine the number of potential duplicate payments between July 2013 and 2015. After identifying several duplicate samples, the auditors used random sampling to get a more precise estimate of how frequent these are.

The data-analytics methods pointed to 295 potential duplicate payments during that period. The review also confirmed that the city paid duplicate invoices, totaling \$57,000, for 23 of the 133 invoice groups that the audit had randomly selected. One of these groups also included two duplicate payments, raising the overall number to 24.

The audit found that nearly 94 percent of the city's 43,642 active vendor records are "unused, duplicates, inconsistent, and/or incomplete, which increases the risk of duplicate, erroneous and fraudulent payments, as well as incorrectly reported tax information."

"The City does not currently have monitoring procedures to identify duplicate or unused vendor records or effective procedures to prevent their entry to inactivate them in SAP (the city's enterprise software)," the audit states.

The bulk of these records,

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EDUCATION

Specific budget cuts emerge in school district process

Board to hold additional special meeting to continue budget talks

by Elena Kadvanj

Palo Alto school board members began to delve into the nitty-gritty of \$3.9 million in budget cuts on Tuesday night, starting to identify item-by-item proposals they do or don't support slashing.

Trustees went through three lists compiled by staff, labeled "A" (proposed cuts), "B" (potential cuts) and "C" (cuts not being recommended at this time) and highlighted those they thought were in the wrong list. They started by discussing three items that three or more board members said merited further review.

All five trustees opposed a staff recommendation to cut a visual arts coordinator position, which oversees the elementary schools' Spectra art program and staff, and give that person's responsibilities to a coordinator in charge of music and physical education.

The current arts coordinator, Sharon Ferguson, is retiring at the end of the year and the district decided to consolidate the role after her departure for a savings of about \$186,000, Superintendent Max McGee told the board. He said that this would not mean a change in "quality or quantity" in art instruction but rather a structural change necessary in hard budget times.

About a dozen parents and school art teachers spoke out against the staff recommendation, emphasizing the importance of having a leader with a strong visual arts background, particularly to handle the recruitment, training and mentoring of the artists who are hired to teach the elementary schools' art program.

"We get that you're not cutting

art ... but to cut a dedicated coordinator position seriously marginalizes what happens in the elementary school," said longtime elementary art teacher Karen Lenke.

Board members disagreed with McGee's explanation that the elementary arts program could function like the high schools' do, with instructional supervisors of different backgrounds (currently, music) overseeing both visual and performing arts teachers who are credentialed, while Spectra artists are not.

"They need more support and development than a certificated teacher in a particular area," board member Melissa Baten Caswell said. "I think our investments reflect our values."

Vice President Ken Dauber floated an alternative: consolidating the administrative parts of the arts coordinator job into another position and hiring part-time as necessary to fulfill the pedagogical side. McGee will return to the next budget discussion with more information about Dauber's suggestion.

Several board members also opposed a recommendation to not hire the equivalent of three high school teachers the board previously approved to help shrink large class sizes, with a price tag of \$375,000. Trustee Todd Collins said that with significant enrollment growth anticipated over the next four years at the high schools, "it's going to be easier to let those class sizes slip up."

He proposed, with support from at least two other board members,

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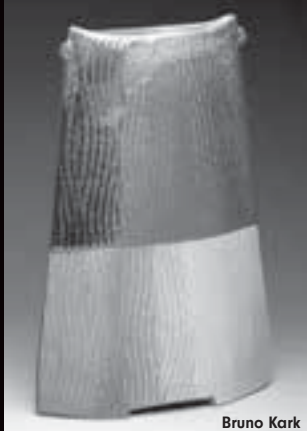
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Upfront

QUOTE OF THE WEEK



It's not a silver bullet but it's one piece of the puzzle.



Sophia Berger, Palo Alto resident, on accessory-dwelling unit regulations. See story on page 5.

Around Town

WHOSE LAW IS IT, ANYWAY?

... It's no secret that Palo Alto politics have become more factional over the past four years, with candidate slates dominating council elections and new citizens groups redoubling their lobbying efforts. The ideological split surfaced Monday night, when the council took up the city's new accessory-dwelling unit (ADU) ordinance and City Councilman **Eric Filseth** (who is loosely affiliated with the slow-growth group **Palo Altans for Sensible Zoning**) clashed with fellow member **Cory Wolbach** (who is loosely affiliated the pro-housing group **Palo Alto Forward**). Filseth pointed to a letter that the council had received from **Kyu Kim**, a member of the city's Architectural Review Board, shortly before the March 7 meeting in which the council stripped away a slew of regulations (including all lot-coverage and parking requirements) that have traditionally governed ADUs. Kim encouraged the council to approve a new ADU ordinance "with the amendments that will be presented by Palo Alto Forward." Some of these amendments, including elimination of lot-size requirements and looser parking requirements, did indeed make it into the council's motion, which was crafted by Wolbach and Councilman **Adrian Fine** (though the council's motion actually went further and eliminated parking requirement's altogether). Others, which pertained to issues like utilities and grandfathering of existing ADUs, did not. But Filseth said the list of amendments from Palo Alto Forward (which he said he read after the March meeting) read a lot like the actual motion that the council passed in March. Maybe, Filseth publicly mused at the April 17 hearing, the motion wasn't drafted by council or even by city staff but by an "outside activist group. ...We're all familiar with state legislation that gets drafted by lobbyists. I don't think we ought to do that in Palo Alto." In response, Wolbach said that the motion he made incorporated many different comments he heard from constituents and council colleagues — not any one particular group. "That was the motion I crafted because I thought it was the best way to

move forward on that issue," Wolbach said. After the meeting, Kim concurred in an email that the group was not behind the motion that the council passed. "The motion was in no way drafted by Palo Alto Forward — to say that, in my humble opinion, was an insult to the other council members who actually drafted it."

EARTH DAY IN THE BAY ... It may not be the Boston Marathon or even Bay to Breakers, but runners in Palo Alto now have a race to call their own. And to the surprise of no one, green is the theme. The city's new event, the — **Great Race for Saving Water** —, will kick off at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 22, in the Palo Alto Baylands as part of the city's Earth Day celebrations. The event will feature live music, zoo animals, outdoor games, electric vehicles, free bike repairs, a bird walk and a 5K run, which will take off from the Baylands Athletic Center on Geng Road. To register for the run, go to cityofpaloalto.org/earthday.

SPEAK YOUR TRUTH ... A traveling public art exhibit made one of its final stops in downtown Palo Alto on Wednesday, April 19. The "**Truth Booth**," a large inflatable talk bubble, was blown up at King Plaza outside City Hall. People were able to go inside and record a two-minute video message that started off with the phrase, "The truth is..." The installation, also known as "In Search of the Truth" project, was formed by the **Cause Collective**, a group made up of artists, designers and ethnographers who aim to produce innovative art displayed in public places. The installation started in Ireland in 2011 and previously came to Palo Alto in 2014. The creators' goal was to have people exercise their free speech without fear of judgment or persecution. "Since the election there have been a lot of candid discussions about what truth really means. This public art piece allow for many interpretations of personal, political or emotional truth — both inside the booth and in the conversations that will inevitably pop up outside the booth," Public Art Program Manager **Elise DeMarzo** said in a press release. ■

TRANSPORTATION

City eyes new direction for bus routes

New transit plan calls for expanding shuttle lines, more frequent buses

by Gennady Sheyner

Palo Alto bus riders could be in for a jolt soon as both the city and the county move ahead with efforts to shake up long-established routes.

While both Palo Alto and the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) are proposing changes that would attract more riders, some elements of the county plan are prompting concern in the Gunn High School community and in south Palo Alto. The biggest change in the county's proposal — as outlined in its new Next Network Initiative plan — is the elimination of Route 88, which serves south Palo Alto and gets a large share of its ridership from Gunn students. It would be replaced by three less-frequent bus lines — 288, 288A and 288B — that would each run once in the morning and twice in the afternoon.

The decision to scale back service in south Palo Alto and around Gunn reflects the VTA's shift toward serving routes that have higher ridership, which comes at the expense of more peripheral areas.

To offset some of these impacts, Palo Alto is considering an expansion of its own free shuttle. This

week, the City Council got its first look at the Palo Alto Transit Vision Plan, a document that has been in the works for more than a year and that recommends several changes for the modest shuttle program.

The most ambitious proposal is to supplement the two existing routes (the Crosstown Shuttle and the Embarcadero Shuttle) with a new one: the South Palo Alto Shuttle. The new route would start at the California Avenue transit station and run along Colorado Avenue, Louis Road, Fabian Way, Charleston Road, Arastradero Road and Foothill Expressway before terminating at the VA Medical Center.

"This route would cover that piece of 88 that is being eliminated and also enhance coverage to south Palo Alto by providing access to the California Avenue shopping area and Caltrain station," said Steve Crosley, a consultant with Nelson/Nygaard Consulting Associates, which worked with the city on the new transit vision.

The city's new transit vision also proposes changes to both existing routes. The Crosstown Route would run primarily along

Middlefield Road and overlap with a new VTA bus line, Route 21 (which would run along Middlefield Road and replace existing VTA routes 35 and 32). Cross-town shuttles would also come more frequently, creating at most 15-minute wait times for riders when both buses are taken into account.

"Coupled with the high-frequency service along El Camino Real, this would put a large number of Palo Alto residents and employees within walking distance of high-frequency fixed-route service," states a report from the Department of Planning and Community Environment.

The Embarcadero Shuttle, which currently runs between downtown and the Baylands and targets employees east of U.S. Highway 101, would also be expanded under the staff proposal. The modified route would cover businesses along East and West Bayshore roads and the portion of San Antonio Road near the highway, which includes the area around the Oshman Family Jewish Community Center.

The report from planning staff states that the proposed segment along West Bayshore would serve



The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority is proposing a new transit plan that could disband the Route 88 bus, which currently serves Gunn High School, and replace it with three new routes that would only run before and after school hours.

existing apartment and town-home complexes, "as well as the Palo Alto residents who would see their VTA paratransit access reduced under the Next Network Initiative final plan."

The biggest challenge in implementing the plan is funding. The current shuttle services cost the city about \$500,000, which includes the roughly \$117,300 that Caltrain contributes for the Embarcadero shuttle. Depending on how ambitious the council wants to go with the service expansion, costs for the expanded shuttle system could go up to about \$3.4 million per year.

The council's discussion of the transit plan came at the tail end of a long Monday night meeting

and didn't kick off until midnight Tuesday. Given the late hour, the council opted not to take any formal action on the plan and to hold a meeting on the proposals at a later date.

The one thing the council did agree on is that the city should work with the VTA to fund the new shuttle services, which would backfill the county agency's reduction in local service. The council directed staff to seek VTA funding for the south Palo Alto shuttle (which would cost about \$1 million per year to operate) through a memorandum of understanding.

Besides reducing service

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EDUCATION

Palo Alto parents protest new sex ed curriculum

District says program ensures consistency, complies with new law

by Elena Kadvaný

Palo Alto Unified middle school students learned about human reproduction, abstinence and healthy relationships this spring in a new sex-education program that now has some of their parents threatening legal action if the school district doesn't take steps to address what they say is age-inappropriate, graphic and even harmful content.

The Palo Alto school district asked Redwood City nonprofit Health Connected, which has for about six years trained the high schools' Living Skills teachers as well as district nurses in sexual health education, to teach its curriculum to seventh-graders this year.

The school district added the seventh-grade curriculum after a state law was updated with more comprehensive requirements around sex education for public schools and took effect last January. The California Healthy Youth Act requires districts to educate students about sexual health and HIV prevention at least once in middle school and once in high school. Previously, districts were only mandated to

provide HIV-prevention education, though middle school science teachers in Palo Alto Unified said they have long taught their own sexual-health curriculum.

Using a single curriculum — Health Connected's — "ensure(s) consistency of information to all students" and compliance with the updated law, the district said in a statement. The district's single-year contract with Health Connected totals \$55,600, which includes both elementary and middle school programs. (The high school sex ed is taught within the Living Skills class.)

While concerned parents said they support sex education, they argue that specific elements of Health Connected's middle school materials are encouraging rather than preventing risky behaviors, such as underage drinking and sex, and encroach on deeply held family values.

They also have criticized the district's process for selecting the program as hasty and unrepresentative, with no parent involvement, and have asked for a more thorough vetting process akin to the

one required for adoption of a full curriculum such as mathematics.

"This is about the family," Erica Cai, one of several Palo Alto Unified parents who started an online petition calling for the curriculum's removal, told the Weekly in an interview. "This makes a lot of people feel like their parental right to educate their kids has been infringed upon."

Parent outcry has been gaining steam in Palo Alto over the last two weeks in the wake of a similar uproar in the Cupertino school district, where last month the school board ultimately reached a 2-2 stalemate on whether to adopt Health Connected's middle school program, called Teen Talk.

After Palo Alto parents saw this, the issue "started brewing inside the Chinese community" and spread beyond it over spring break, said Fang Mei, the father of a seventh-grader at JLS Middle School.

Parents formed a group and started gathering information about the topic before launching the petition, which has since collected about 1,200 signatures. The

parents leading the effort have told the district that they will "resort to immediate legal action" if the district continues to offer Teen Talk in the middle schools. (The 10-hour program has already been taught to seventh-graders at Terman and JLS and is nearing completion at Jordan Middle School.)

About 30 people — mostly parents who oppose Teen Talk — spoke about the sex education program at Tuesday's school board meeting. But several parents and two high school students urged the board to retain what they said is much-needed education for middle school students.

The school district maintains Health Connected's curriculum is necessary, both for the district's legal compliance and for students' education and well-being, and does not intend to stop teaching it this year.

Parents have been informed since before Teen Talk started that they have the option to opt their child out of some or all of the curriculum. Out of the close to 400 students at JLS, 17 opted out, according to the district. Of 239 Terman students, three did not participate. The number of opt-outs at Jordan is not yet available since the program has not been completed yet.

"I think it's our responsibility to follow the law, to provide the education by trained professionals and to let parents opt out," said Superintendent Max McGee, who also said he respects families' values.

Curriculum seeks to be comprehensive

The California Healthy Youth Act states that sex education must be "integrated, comprehensive, accurate, and unbiased" as well as age appropriate, medically accurate and inclusive of all genders, races and sexual orientations. The law aims to provide students "with the knowledge and skills necessary to protect their sexual and reproductive health from HIV and other sexually transmitted infections and from unintended pregnancy" as well as to "develop healthy attitudes concerning adolescent growth and development, body image, gender, sexual orientation, relationships, marriage, and family."

The California Department of Education has purposefully not endorsed any one curriculum, according to Health Connected, to allow local school districts to select one that best fits their community.

The state agency, along with public and adolescent health experts, did conduct a review of 11 middle and high school sex-education programs across the state, including Health Connected, to determine their compliance with the new legal requirements.

The review found no "major" compliance issues with Health Connected's programs. The nonprofit said it has addressed all "minor modifications" identified through the review, which is posted

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News Digest

Schools see flurry of leadership changes

The latest in a flurry of leadership changes for the Palo Alto school district comes from Ohlone Elementary School, where Principal Nicki Smith announce her retirement in a message to families on Wednesday, April 19. Smith's announcement comes one week after Terman Middle School Principal Pier Angeli La Place requested to be reassigned elsewhere next school year "to embark on a new challenge with PAUSD," and Jordan Middle School Principal Katie Kinnaman announced that she will be moving out of the state at the end of the year. Additionally, Chief Student Services Officer Holly Wade will be exiting the district, Superintendent Max McGee confirmed on April 14.

Dawn Yoshinaga, who became principal of Greendell School in 2015, will become Ohlone's new principal, replacing Smith, who had served as principal since 2014 when she took over for longtime principal Bill Overton.

Yoshinaga's professional focus on the emotional well-being of young children "make(s) her the perfect fit for Ohlone," Superintendent Max McGee wrote in a separate message to Ohlone families on Wednesday. Before joining the Palo Alto school district, Yoshinaga worked as a school psychologist in the Saratoga Union School District in the 1990s and has experience working with special-education students and families, as well as training staff in accommodations, social-emotional learning, interventions, Common Core State Standards implementation and English Language Learner support systems, according to a district announcement at the time.

McGee did not say who would replace Yoshinaga at Greendell, which includes the district's pre-kindergarten programs. Yoshinaga's appointment is effective July 1.

As part of proposed budget-saving measures the school board will discuss Tuesday, McGee is recommending that Wade's position be consolidated with the vacant associate superintendent role (most recently held by Markus Autrey) into a chief academic officer position for the high schools. ■

— *Elena Kadvanj*

La Comida struggles to find new location

La Comida Senior Nutrition, a longtime senior lunch program relied on by more than 160 seniors, is asking the community to help find a new location after a fruitless search, the organization said in a public announcement. The nonprofit organization must vacate its current home at Avenidas senior center by Aug. 31, but it does not have even an interim location to cook and serve lunches nor to serve catered meals to needy seniors, organization officials said.

La Comida has provided inexpensive nutritional lunches and important social interaction for at-risk seniors in Palo Alto for 45 years — 39 of them at Avenidas, which is located at 450 Bryant St. in downtown. But the senior center's expansion and renovation plans at the city-owned building include tearing down the dining room's current location to add a three-story building.

To be ADA-compliant and meet fire regulations, the existing dining room space had to be adjusted to accommodate fire safety stairs, a new elevator, and more bathrooms, Avenidas President and CEO Amy Andonian said.

La Comida could have had a smaller dining room at Avenidas, which would have reduced the space from its current 140-person capacity to 79 to 90 persons. But the reduced capacity would not work with their objectives, the organization said.

With just four and a half months left to secure a permanent location, La Comida officials are becoming concerned. They have searched for a new location for several months but so far they have been unsuccessful, they said. La Comida sent a letter to the City Council on Friday outlining their needs.

La Comida has looked at several churches, but none could commit to the lunch program five days per week. Officials are currently in discussion regarding a site in south Palo Alto, but it has a maximum capacity of 100. Board members are considering using the space in the short or long term if they can't find other alternatives, but they haven't been able to complete an agreement with the landlord, they said.

Meanwhile, the need for basic nutritional food services among seniors has risen. In fiscal year 2014-15, La Comida served 35,318 meals; in fiscal year 2015-16, that total rose to 40,748, according to Santa Clara County Senior Nutrition Program reports. ■

— *Sue Dremann*

Sex education

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on the Health Connected's website.

Teen Talk uses interactive activities, group discussions and homework assignments in 12 sessions over the course of two to three weeks. The first activity of the course asks students to walk to one side of the room, each labeled "agree" or "disagree" in response to statements like, "All young people should learn how to cook, clean, and do laundry, regardless of their gender" and "You should be in love with a person before you have sex with them." They discuss the statements as a class.

In Palo Alto middle schools, Teen Talk has been taught mostly in science classrooms. Trained sexual health educators employed by the nonprofit teach the curriculum, with students' regular teachers present in the classroom.

Open communication with parents about these topics is emphasized throughout the program, as required by law, including a two-day homework assignment in which students are sent home to conduct a "parent interview" from a set of questions on sexual health-related topics.

Risky behaviors, like underage drinking or nonconsensual sex, are raised in a preventative light to help young people "put knowledge into practice in a safe and facilitated space before they encounter similar situations outside the classroom," Health Connected Executive Director Abi Karlin-Resnick wrote in an online FAQ posted on April 13 in response to parents' concerns in Palo Alto.

"It's a little bit counterintuitive for parents to understand that providing more information doesn't actually encourage the behavior," Karlin-Resnick said in an interview. "It actually prevents the behavior."

But petitioning parents disagree. The examples "encourage the feeling that sex is the norm at this age," Margaret Chai Money wrote on the online petition. "I understand some young people will experiment and believe information is important ... but I don't think the scenario situations are necessary."

Karlin-Resnick noted that those specific scenarios, including one that describes a 17-year-old and 18-year-old having sex after drinking at a party, are part of an optional, additional activity that most Palo Alto Unified students didn't participate in.

An instructor guide notes that some subject matter in these scenarios (which draw from real teenagers' first sexual experiences) might be "too mature" for some students and advises educators to "choose the stories most appropriate for your community and class." The nonprofit will make minor adjustments based on feedback from students' regular classroom teachers but typically pushes back on any requests to change the core lessons, Karlin-Resnick said.

Health Connected's intention, she added, is to train classroom teachers in Palo Alto so they — rather than

outside instructors — can eventually teach the curriculum.

In response to parent concerns about the specific scenarios activity, Health Connected decided not to offer it at Jordan.

Parents also took issue with the fact that Teen Talk asks students to define three types of sex — vaginal, oral and anal — as part of a lesson on abstinence. Karlin-Resnick said this is included because the law requires any curriculum to explain all methods by which people can contract sexually transmitted infections and to be inclusive of all sexual orientations. Instruction must include, under the California Healthy Youth Act, information about "the manner in which HIV and other sexually transmitted infections are and are not transmitted, including information on the relative risk of infection according to specific behaviors, including sexual activities and injection drug use."

Defining all three types of sex also expands the definition of abstinence, Karlin-Resnick said.

A middle school teacher and parent who asked to remain anonymous said she found the Health Connected curriculum to be age appropriate and not significantly different from what has been taught in the district for many years.

Complaints about how curriculum was adopted

Middle school parents first learned about the Teen Talk program in January, when school principals sent messages informing them that their children would be getting the curriculum that spring. The district later said the materials had been "fully vetted" by principals and the district's chief academic officers.

The school board was not involved in this review, as it would be in a typical curriculum adoption. McGee said "board approval was not required" given the nature of the Teen Talk program — a unit of instruction delivered by an outside agency with no textbook nor grades over the course of eight to 10 hours, rather than a full-fledged course.

Parents, however, argue that the district violated its own policies on curriculum adoption. A board policy on selection and evaluation of instructional materials states the superintendent should establish a review process that involves teachers in a "substantial manner" and also "encourage(s) the participation of parents/guardians and community members."

In Cupertino, a task force with teachers, parents, administrators and one student worked for several months before recommending the implementation of Teen Talk. Karlin-Resnick said going through a significant adoption process is the exception rather than the norm in school districts the nonprofit has worked with.

Parents also have decried a lack of transparency in the process. The principals' message in January provided contact information for a Health Connected staff member for parents who had further questions

or who wanted to review the materials themselves. Districts are legally required to allow parents to view materials prior to instruction.

Access to Health Connected's 308-page curriculum, however, parents said, was insufficient, with one physical copy made available but not to all of the middle schools initially. It is now available at all three sites, according to Karlin-Resnick. Health Connected has said it cannot post its entire curriculum online for proprietary reasons but is considering creating a parent guide that could be more widely accessible.

Health Connected also hosted parent-information sessions at each middle school and two free workshops before beginning the classroom lessons. Some parents who are critical of the curriculum and attended a session told the Weekly that Health Connected staff didn't fully explain the content, and so the parents said they saw no red flags at the time.

The principals also notified parents of their right to opt their child out. (Students who did so went to the library for an alternative lesson on plant and animal reproduction.)

Even parents who vehemently oppose the curriculum said opting out is not an option, however, because their children need sex ed.

The district said it will collect feedback about Teen Talk from parents, teachers and students from all three middle schools once the program finishes at Jordan. This summer, staff will work "to make revisions and/or explore other programs that meet legal requirements and provide important factual information on the key topics," McGee wrote in a weekly memo on April 14. Staff will seek additional feedback from teachers, parents, and board members as part of that process, he said.

Parents said they're looking to spur long-term change — an age- and culturally appropriate sex education program that will benefit future students — and hope to accomplish that in partnership with the district.

But in a letter sent to McGee and board members on Monday, parents noted that legal action could be on the horizon. In Cupertino, parents have apparently consulted with The Pacific Justice Institute, a Sacramento-based legal nonprofit that specializes "in the defense of religious freedom, parental rights, and other civil liberties," its website states. A staff attorney submitted a legal opinion to the Cupertino school board and spoke on parents' behalf at that meeting, according to a press release from the nonprofit.

When asked if the Palo Alto parents had spoken with a lawyer, Cai refused to comment.

"The most important thing is the health and well-being of our students and then the parental right to education for the kids," she said. "We feel like this (has been) infringed upon and continually ignored." ■

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Accessory units

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misguided and inconsiderate of privacy concerns and other impacts on local neighborhoods.

With dozens of people sounding off on the subject and more than a hundred submitting emails, the council agreed to reopen the discussion that members thought concluded on March 7, when they approved the new ordinance. And after much debate, the council approved early Tuesday morning a modified version of the ordinance — one that restores some of the restrictions that were scrapped last month while eliminating others.

The winning motion, which was approved by a 7-2 vote with Karen Holman and Lydia Kou in dissent, restricts accessory-dwelling units to lots greater than 5,000 square feet — a compromise between the current code, which only allows these units on lots that are at least 35 percent greater than the minimum lot size, and the March 7 revision, which eliminated the lot-size requirement entirely.

The council also agreed to restore language that prohibits homeowners from orienting the doors of the accessory-dwelling units in the same alignment as those of the main house. It directed staff to consider design guidelines for these units in Eichler neighborhoods and to explore ways to make sure that residents who build

accessory-dwelling units don't get extra residential parking permits for these dwellings.

Yet the council also declined to reverse its March decision to eliminate all parking requirements for accessory-dwelling units. It also rejected a council member's proposal to require that the smaller units resemble the main house in design. Both proposed changes fizzled by 4-5 votes, with the five council members more amenable to growth prevailing over the four with more slow-growth leanings.

Despite the factional splits on these particular issues, the bulk of the motion was crafted through a largely bipartisan approach, with Mayor Greg Scharff and Councilman Tom DuBois doing most of the legislative heavy lifting. During its discussion, the council largely mirrored the community, with just about everyone saying that accessory-dwelling units are a good idea but disagreeing over the best way to promote them without adding parking problems, privacy violations and Airbnb rentals into single-family neighborhoods.

For many of the residents who opposed the March decision, the process was more troubling than the product. Even though the council has been talking about encouraging such units for more than two years, few residents had expected the council to go as far as it had in March. Staff had recommended revising the code largely to comport with a new state law,

which — among other things — eliminates parking requirements for accessory-dwelling units in transit-rich areas. The council, led by Cory Wolbach and Adrian Fine, went further and eliminated them in all areas.

Some critics contended that by going so far beyond staff recommendations, the council acted rashly and recklessly in approving an ordinance that no one in the community had a chance to review. Land-use watchdog Bob Moss called the March decision, which happened in the late hours of the night, a “classic example of midnight madness.” Jennifer Hetterly, a former parks commissioner, told the council that it is making “a mockery of informed public comment.”

“This is not about ADUs or fairness or social justice,” Hetterly said. “It’s about good government and public trust. We all deserve and should get better from our public officials.”

Former Councilwoman LaDoris Cordell made a similar point and argued that it would be improper to adopt the changes championed in March by Fine and Wolbach “without a thorough analysis and public comments.”

“It’s the right thing to do, legally and morally,” Cordell said.

But Gail Price, also a former council member, took the opposite view and said she supports the new ordinance. Price attended the meeting and was also one of more than 100 people who submitted

correspondence in support of the new ordinance.

“Being more flexible will result in a more inclusive and diverse community,” Price wrote. “Other communities in the area have done similar work to help their communities and reduce the housing deficit. Once again, this is your opportunity for a legacy vote that is thoughtful and proactive.”

Sophia Berger also said she supports the new rules and rejected the notion that the small units will substantially alter the city’s character.

“It’s not a silver bullet but it’s one piece of the puzzle,” Berger said.

After more than two hours of testimony from both sides, the council agreed that it needed to revisit its decision. DuBois initially proposed moving ahead with an ordinance that meets the new state requirements, but deferring all other provisions to a later date, after staff and the Planning and Transportation Commission had a chance to review them.

“We should be honest with each other — those were some major changes,” DuBois said, referring to the March vote. “We should all support objective, considered analysis. ... There’s clearly disagreement in the community. That’s really why we should spend some time and make sure we study this as much as we can.”

But after adding numerous amendments that softened some of the most controversial aspects of the March ordinance, DuBois went

along with Scharff and the council majority, which preferred to immediately approve an ordinance that goes beyond the state requirements — though not as far as the one that was approved in March.

The council also directed staff to provide quarterly updates on new accessory-dwelling units so that it can address any unexpected impacts.

Fine, one of the council’s most vocal housing advocates, noted that housing is “clearly an issue of contention in this community” and argued that accessory-dwelling units can serve seniors, disabled children and other residents who may have trouble finding housing in Palo Alto otherwise.

“I hope we can do something special and make sure Palo Alto remains an inclusive, diverse and multi-generational community,” Fine said.

Kou agreed with Fine that housing — particularly, affordable housing — is important. But, she added, “just going schizophrenic in building is not the way to go either.”

The city has to consider the unintended consequences that come around with greatly expanding its housing stock, she said.

“No one said we’re not supporting ADUs, and no one said we’re for ‘no growth.’” Kou said. “It’s sensible growth. It’s reasonable growth. It’s planned growth so that we don’t have parking issues, we don’t have school impacts, we don’t have infrastructure problems and we don’t have traffic congestion.” ■

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I'M AS MAD AS HELL

I'm not going to take it anymore.

Like the outcry of Peter Finch, in the famous 1976 movie “Network”, I can no longer stand by as the City Council fails to enforce Castilleja’s existing Conditional Use Permit (CUP), which limits enrollment to 415 students. Castilleja, the exclusive private all girls school, has knowingly and deliberately violated its Conditional Use Permit for 15 years. Current divisive debate between neighbors and Castilleja is a direct result of City Council failing to enforce the existing Conditional Use Permit.

This September Castilleja will have been in violation of their CUP for 16 years. The city should not reward Castilleja with further increases in enrollment. Castilleja still owes the neighborhood 16 years of CUP compliance. City council, by its silence, is making a mockery of the CUP process. City Council still needs to instruct Castilleja, that the school must reduce enrollment to 415 students for the next 16 years. Next generation of neighbors, can then decide if they are okay with Castilleja increasing enrollment.

As a 25 year Palo Alto resident, I ask fellow citizens to demand that City Council debate Castilleja’s 16 years of

violation and justify to the residents why the city is not enforcing the existing Conditional Use Permit.

I’m also **MAD AS HELL** at the behemoth, multi-million dollar construction project, which Castilleja is forcing upon our neighborhood. This massive project is a totally separate issue from the city’s failure to enforce the approved CUP.

Castilleja is using its enormous wealth and political connections to trample over the neighborhood and ram through a massive over sized project, in the middle of a quiet R1 residential neighborhood. The schools proposed project would ultimately result in 600 (or more) students, visitors, faculty, staff, busses, vans and vendors arriving and departing each day at the school’s small six-acre parcel. The 600+ daily arrivals, is in addition to the schools evening and weekend events. A project of this mass and scale does not belong in a quiet R1 residential area. For this reason alone, City Council should kill the Castilleja’s proposed project. Castilleja needs to build a second campus at another location, to allow for expansion and for more students.

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Public Agenda

A preview of Palo Alto government meetings next week

COUNCIL POLICY AND SERVICES COMMITTEE ... The committee plans to review recent audits from Office of the City Auditor about monitoring of payments and green purchasing practices. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25, in the Community Meeting Room at City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave.

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION ... The commission plans to discuss a recommendation from the ad hoc Selection Committee for Human Services Resource Allocation Process Funding for fiscal years 2018- 19; and discuss a proposed new multi-faith community event. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25, in the Downtown Library, Forest Avenue.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION ... The commission plans to review the solar panel project at the Palo Alto Municipal Golf Course parking lot; discuss the city's field use and tennis court policy; and plan for its May 22 joint meeting with the council. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 25, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave.

COUNCIL RAIL COMMITTEE ... The committee plans to meet at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, April 26, in the Community Meeting Room at City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave.

CITY COUNCIL ... The council plans to interview candidates for the Human Relations Commission, the Library Advisory Commission, the Public Art Commission and the Utilities Advisory Commission. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, April 26, in the Community Meeting Room at City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave.

PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION ... The commission plans to discuss the creation of a new Residential Preferential Parking program in the Southgate neighborhood. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave.

HISTORIC RESOURCES BOARD ... The board plans to discuss the Mills Act, the state's policy for encouraging restoration of historic structures. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 27, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave.

LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMISSION ... The commission plans to hear presentations on the library collection and loan periods. The commission also plans to elect its vice chair. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 27, in the Community Meeting Room at City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave.



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Audit

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nearly 36,000, had not been used since before 2012. Furthermore, a large percentage of vendor records contained erroneous or incomplete information. Two thirds did not have a phone number, according to the audit, and more than half of the city's roughly 1,800 corporate and sole-proprietor vendors did not provide either a tax identification or a social security number. In many other cases, these numbers were inconsistently formatted (the social security number, for example, did not follow the 999-99-9999 format) and had irregular address information.

While the monetary loss from these deficiencies appears to be minimal because of the city's ability to recover the funds, the audit notes that incomplete and inaccurate vendor records "raise the risk of incurring IRS fines for inaccurate tax forms, inefficiency associated with potentially misrouted payments and maintenance of inconsistent vendor records, and duplicate payments due to undetected duplicate vendor records."

The audit recommends that the city implement a "continuous monitoring process" to identify duplicate invoice payments in the new Enterprise Resources Planning (ERP) system; that it updates its invoice-processing policies to require unique invoice numbers and credit memorandums to correct invoice errors. And given the high number of unused vendors, the audit also recommends that the city conduct annual reviews of its vendor master file and update its policies to provide clear guidance about the information vendors are required to provide.

In a response memo to City Auditor Harriet Richardson, the city's Chief Financial Officer Lalo Perez noted that of the 24 duplicate payments that the auditor flagged, 17 were identified by staff and resolved before the audit. He also noted that the potential value of the duplicates, if confirmed, is about \$4,977, or 0.004 percent of the average value of checks issued and PCharge card purchases per year.

Yet Perez also concurred with most of the report's recommendations and wrote in a response to the audit that the department will "update policies and procedures to provide information needed to create complete and accurate vendor master records."

The Administrative Services Department, he wrote, currently detects and recovers duplicate payments through "periodic accounts analysis, contract monitoring and notifications from vendors." Based on the auditor's recommendations, the department will develop and document an "internal control process" to identify duplicates for the new ERP system.

"While it may be ideal to have zero duplicate payments, staff believes that to be unrealistic given the extended time frame such a review would require and the need to process all payments within a

timely turn-around," Perez wrote. "However, staff believes with a new configuration in the SAP system there will be an enhanced ability to flag possible duplicate payments and for staff to intervene before making a payment."

Green-purchase audit

The report on duplicate payments is one of two audits that Richardson released this week. The second audit looked specifically at Palo Alto's record on "green purchasing." Just like the audit on duplicate payments, it found plenty of room for improvement.

Most of the transgressions that the auditor had identified — a list that includes drinking water out of plastic bottles, loading printers with non-recycled paper and using a paper towel with insufficient post-consumer fiber — probably wouldn't be deemed sins against Mother Earth in other communities. But in Palo Alto, these actions run afoul of the Green Purchasing Policy that the city adopted in 2008, according to the audit.

While the policy doesn't prescribe which office products should be bought, it commits the city to incorporating its "environmental, economic and social stewardship criteria into its purchases of products and services." It called on the city manager and managers from key departments to create a plan that identifies eco-friendly products, considers amendments to the Municipal Code to implement green goals and engages all city staff to "identify sustainable products and services that are not purchased centrally."

But in reviewing the city's purchasing policies, Richardson's office discovered a lack of awareness throughout City Hall about the city's green-purchasing policies. Several departments, for example, "may have purchased drinking water in plastic bottles

because they were not aware of the policy and reasons for not buying it." This despite a 2009 policy prohibiting purchase, distribution and sale of single-use plastic water containers.

The audit noted that several departments had purchased water in plastic bottles "for training and other events." After the audit flagged the issue, staff blocked the purchase of drinking water in plastic bottles on the Staples website.

Another area in which the city's ideals clash with its actions is paper purchases. The city has had a policy since 2003 of buying paper products consisting of at least 50 percent "secondary and post-consumer waste," provided it meets the city's requirements. Yet between July 1, 2014, and June 30, 2016, only 62,100 pounds — or 59 percent — of the city's paper product purchases from Staples had met this requirement. Furthermore, only about 19 percent of the paper purchases from other office-supply vendors met (or most likely met) this requirement, the audit found.

In addition, the audit found that the janitorial contract that applies to most facilities "did not always use green products or provide reports of bulk chemicals as required by the contract, nor did the City monitor the products to ensure they were green."

In his response, City Manager James Keene agreed with the report's findings and laid out a range of actions staff plans to take to address the auditor's recommendations for better compliance with green-purchasing policies. These include forming a stakeholder committee to recommend green-purchasing performance measurements, educating staff on green-purchasing policies on an ongoing basis and consulting with the City Attorney's Office to consider possible revisions to the Municipal Code. ■

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Online This Week

These and other news stories were posted on Palo Alto Online throughout the week. For longer versions, go to www.PaloAltoOnline.com/news.

Shoplifters take more than \$8,000 in perfume

Chanel is apparently a popular and lucrative scent with thieves who stole about 100 bottles of the costly perfume from a Stanford Shopping Center store over two days last week, Palo Alto police said. (Posted April 19, 2:56 p.m.)

Man exposes himself at Stanford

A man exposed himself to a student at a Stanford University housing facility on campus late Tuesday night, according to the school's Department of Public Safety. (Posted April 19, 8:42 a.m.)

Effort to retire sludge incinerators moves ahead

Seeking to shed Palo Alto's status as one of only two California cities that still burn their sludge, the City Council swiftly approved early Tuesday morning the construction of a nearly \$23 million facility that would allow it to decommission the two incinerators in the Baylands. (Posted April 18, 12:20 p.m.)

Flood insurance to be discounted

Flood insurance is about to get a little cheaper for thousands of Palo Alto property owners. The wFederal Emergency Management Administration — has offered the city a 20 percent discount. (Posted April 14, 10:28 p.m.)

CityView

A round-up of Palo Alto government action this week

City Council (April 17)

Accessory-dwelling units: The council voted to modify the city's rules on accessory-dwelling units, which now include a 5,000-square-foot minimum lot size and a requirement that the ADU's door not be oriented in the same way as the doors of the main residence. **Yes:** DuBois, Filseth, Fine, Holman, Kniss, Tanaka, Wolbach **No:** Holman, Kou
Sludge: The council approved a \$23-million contract for a new sludge dewatering and haul-out facility in the Baylands. **Yes:** Unanimous
Transit: The council discussed the draft Palo Alto Transit Vision Plan and directed staff to pursue funding from the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority to backfill reductions in local shuttle service. **Yes:** Unanimous

Board of Education (April 18)

Transition Partnership Program: The board waived its two-meeting rule and renewed the district's Transition Partnership Program (TPP) contract for 2017-18. **Yes:** Unanimous
Authorizing signatures: The board waived its two-meeting rule and gave the superintendent and his designees the authority to sign contracts, orders and checks. **Yes:** Unanimous
Warrants: The board approved a list of warrants and purchase orders from February and March. **Yes:** Unanimous
Suicide prevention bill: The board waived its two-meeting rule to send a letter in support of AB1261 Pupil Discipline: Expulsions: Pupil Suicide Prevention, which would require school staff to query seventh-graders through high school seniors using substances to determine if they are suicidal or get an explanation on their substance usage, prior to expelling a student. **Yes:** Baten Caswell, Dauber, DiBrienza, Godfrey **No:** Collins

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Budget

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tapping a reserve fund set aside for opening a new school, which the district is no longer considering at this time, as a buffer to address ballooning class sizes.

Board members also mentioned the need for a formal class-size policy to help guide decisions like this. The board's policy review committee is set to consider a class-size policy this year.

On the list of potential cuts, board members voiced some concern about — but not explicit opposition to — cutting the district's new equity coordinator position, filled just last year by Martha Castellon, who was brought on to oversee the district's efforts to better support low-income and minority students and to reduce the achievement gap.

McGee said Tuesday that he would actually move this proposal to the "A" list of recommended cuts. The equity coordinator's responsibilities would go to either Judy Argumedo, the district's current director of academic supports and of the Voluntary Transfer Program, or to a principal on special assignment tasked with full-time equity work, McGee said. This would save the district an estimated \$174,500.

"I don't know what the personnel looks like ... or the organizational

structure, but I don't want to take dollars out of that," Board President Terry Godfrey said.

The board also discussed program additions on the horizon that will cost the district money, even as it is trying to find savings. They asked McGee to suggest alternative uses for about \$230,000 proposed to revamp a parent liaisons program that has provided 12 part-timers to improve communication and connection between minority and low-income parents and their schools. The dollars should support minority and low-income students in some way, such as with more after-school tutoring, trustees said.

Other budget proposals that the board highlighted for further review included: a reduction of the teachers-on-special-assignment program, a requirement that all classes have at least 10 students, rolling back \$100,000 for elementary school field trip transportation, consolidating the middle school English as a Second Language program at one campus, cutting the Palo Alto Adult School principal position, rolling back all or part of "me too" raises given to senior administrators this year, and reviewing school psychologists' time allotment.

With ample public comment on the budget and other topics, the board had a truncated discussion on the budget and decided to schedule a special study session before their next regular meeting on May 9. ■

Shuttle

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around Gunn, VTA plans to increase the frequency of Route 522, an express bus that runs along El Camino Real and connects Palo Alto to San Jose. And the VTA's new Route 21 would connect downtown Palo Alto with San Antonio Shopping Center, downtown Mountain View, downtown Sunnyvale and the Santa Clara Caltrain station.

The VTA's goal in pursuing these changes is to focus its resources in areas where the buses would get greater use.

However, VTA staff and consultants noted that after the agency makes its adjustments, 61 percent of Palo Alto residents would be within walking distance (1/4 mile) of fixed-route transit service. Today, 74 percent are within walking distance.

VTA's board is preparing to adopt the service changes on May 4. Palo Alto officials have submitted letters to the VTA arguing against the elimination of route 88; requesting additional stops for routes 22 and 522 along El Camino; the extension of Route 22 to serve more downtown areas; and the retention of paratransit services. ■

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Bay Area fights back

Editor,

As we celebrate Earth Day on April 22, it would be easy to get discouraged by President Trump's attacks on environmental laws. Last month, the president sought to scrap Obama administration clean-power rules and proposed cutting EPA's budget by 31 percent.

But the Bay Area is fighting back. Throughout the region, public agencies, companies and communities are redoubling their efforts to build an environmentally sustainable future. Next month, the Palo Alto City Council will consider implementing the first phase of the city's Sustainability/Climate Action Plan.

Meanwhile, Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE) just launched its program to provide 100 percent carbon-free electricity to 68,000 residential and business customers in Santa Clara County. After enrolling another 180,000 customers in July, the new service will cut 600,000 tons of carbon pollution annually. SVCE joins other clean-energy programs in San Mateo, San Francisco and Marin counties.

Bay Area officials and transportation advocates are fighting to restore federal grants to electrify Caltrain, a project that would reduce air pollution, cut traffic congestion and create jobs in our region.

In the corporate world, Facebook, Google and Apple are powering their computer servers with renewable energy. Tesla's vision of autonomously driven, electric cars fueled by carbon-free solar has helped the company surpass the stock value of GM and Ford.

So this Earth Day — even if we anticipate more disturbing anti-environment policies coming from President Trump — look for encouragement in the innovation now underway in the Bay Area. Trump may try to slow us down, but with public agencies, businesses and community leaders working together, the path to a healthy environment remains open.

Adam Stern

E. Bayshore Road, Palo Alto

Good for the environment

Editor,

I was very supportive of Palo Alto's March 7 Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) amendments because our City has been (and I hope continues to be) a leader in addressing climate change as the most critical, time-sensitive environmental problem today. I encourage my fellow Palo Altans to recognize the importance of mindfully increasing housing density in our city to fight the enormous GHG emissions coming from so many vehicles whose occupants work in our city but cannot find affordable housing nearby. Climate, housing, and transportation are all connected. Given our City's goals in addressing climate disruption, we need a liberal ADU policy to create as many ADUs in our city as possible.

Jeralyn Moran

Los Robles Ave., Palo Alto



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AGENDA- SPECIAL MEETING- COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM

April 26, 2017, 6:00 PM

Special Orders of the Day

1. Interviews of Candidates for the Human Relations Commission, the Library Advisory Commission, the Public Art Commission, and the Utilities Advisory Commission

STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Policy & Services Committee Meeting will be held in the Community Meeting Room on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 7:00 PM to discuss: 1) Audit of Green Purchasing Practices; 2) Continuous Monitoring Audit: Payments; and 3) Auditor's Office Quarterly Report as of March 31, 2017.

The City Council Rail Committee Meeting will be held in the Community Meeting Room on Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at 8:00 AM to discuss: 1) Receive and Review Rail Program Briefing Paper for April 2017; 2) Receive Presentation and Discuss the Status of High Speed Rail; and 3) Planning for Grade Separation Public Workshop May 20.

Helen Howard Harmon

March 3, 1940 – March 8, 2017

Helen Howard Harmon, devoted mother, mother-in-law, and grandmother, died March 8 of complications from breast cancer. She was born in 1940 to Maria and Hartley Howard of Washington, D.C. The family moved to Hastings-on-Hudson, NY in 1945.

Helen was a graduate of Hastings High School ('57), attended Swarthmore College, and received a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Syracuse University.

After graduation, Helen moved to Manhattan to take a job with Citibank. There, she met her future husband, Gary Harmon. Gary persuaded her that his home state – the "Wild West" of California – deserved a chance, so in 1965 Helen and Gary married and moved to Silicon Valley.

Helen worked as a computer programmer for a subsidiary of IBM before becoming a volunteer, homemaker, and mother.

Helen was an active member of Alpha Phi, AAUW, and the Century Club. She enjoyed spending time with family, taking classes, and going to theater, opera, and the symphony.

She and her late husband traveled to many countries. Highlights include the pyramids of Egypt, the majesty of Persepolis, the wildlife of Kenya, a close encounter with blue-footed boobies in the Galapagos, and being able to email from Easter Island.

She is survived by her daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter, Heather, John, and Arya Cochran; and her sisters-in-law Jane Howard and Gayle "Sunny" Harmon Mills and their families. Her husband of 50 years, Gary Harmon, and her brother, Mike Howard, predeceased her.

Friends are invited to a celebration of her life Saturday, April 29 at 2:00 PM at the Century Club, 1355 Franklin Street, San Francisco CA 94109.

In lieu of flowers, people wishing to make a donation are encouraged to consider The Century Club of California, the Club's non-profit organization (The 1888 Foundation), or a charity of the donor's choice.



PAID OBITUARY

Marie Kiyoe Kitajima

Resident of Palo Alto

Marie Kiyoe Kitajima, a long-time resident of Palo Alto, passed away April 7 at Webster House.

Born in 1931, Marie received her Bachelor of Education at San Jose State University. Marie was a beloved teacher in the Atherton and Menlo Park schools. She taught for over 40 years at Laurel Elementary School and helped set up the Math and Science Lab at Oak Knoll Elementary.

Marie was a talented artist and loved knitting and sewing. She loved dogs. She volunteered during her retirement at local senior centers with her therapy dog, Molly, her border terrier. She also volunteered through the CCIS at Stanford University to work with the families of foreign students. In the process, Marie made many international friends through her friendly nature and conversation.

She is survived by her niece, Holly Yoon, and nephew, Kevin Kitajima, and her six grandnieces and grandnephews.

A memorial service will be held in the mausoleum chapel at Alta Mesa Memorial Park on Saturday, April 29th at 11 am. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to your local SPCA.



PAID OBITUARY

Judy Fasani

October 19, 1945 – January 29, 2017

Judith "Judy" Fasani passed away peacefully in her sleep with friends and family near by on January 29th, 2017.

Judy was born in San Francisco on October 19th, 1945 and spent most of her younger years in Palo Alto. In the early 70's, she moved to Tahoe to ski and pursue her nursing career. She worked at Tahoe Forest Hospital for over three decades where she loved her job of helping others as an operating room nurse. Her free time was spent enjoying the outdoors, traveling the world, and being surrounded with loving friends and family.

The Tahoe Forest Cancer Center in Truckee, CA provided amazing support and help as a lymphoma cancer quickly took her life. She is survived by daughter Kimberly Fasani Benchetler, and a loving extended family of sisters, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Judy had a free spirit and contagious smile, which would light up a room and on special occasion, you may see her do a cartwheel, even at the age of 71. Her passions for life included time on the hill skiing with friends, raising her daughter Kimmy, and tending to her garden with her green thumb. Many of her plant trimmings can be found around Truckee, CA as her way of sharing her life with others.

Her daughter, Kimmy, carried on Judy's love for the mountains and has become a world renown professional snowboarder, Kimmy has just received the highest recognition among her peers as the Women's Rider of the Year. This was a very proud moment for Judy as she was Kimmy's biggest supporter. To share these accolades meant the world to this proud momma.

She wanted to thank the community for sharing time in meditation, for enjoying card games, and for giving her so much support and love.

We will have a celebration of life in her beloved mountains in May.

Memorial donations can be made to Protect Our Winters or Tahoe Forest Cancer Center.



PAID OBITUARY



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Transitions

Births, marriages and deaths

Elizabeth Ann Allen

Elizabeth Ann (Beth Ann) Allen died after complications from kidney failure on March 27, in Everett, Washington. She was 33.

She was a Palo Alto native, residing in Palo Alto from 1982 to 2012. She attended Palo Alto High School, where she was president of the Gay-Straight Alliance, sang in the choir and performed in a

student production of "The Tempest." During her time at Paly, she developed a talent for sweet-talking friends into giving her rides to various local hangouts, such as Denny's and Mediterranean Wraps.

She attended the University of California, Santa Cruz, and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Philosophy in 2005. She served as a teaching assistant for several

undergraduate philosophy courses and tutored fellow students in writing. Outside of the classroom, she enjoyed splashing in tide pools on Santa Cruz's



beaches, talking philosophy with friends, drinking cocktails at the Red Room and eating dessert before dinner. She also was one of the founders of the Banana Slug Club, which has only one requirement for membership — licking a banana slug.

After earning her undergraduate degree, Allen attended the University of the Pacific's McGeorge School of Law from 2005 to 2006. She worked briefly as a paralegal before becoming a freelance writer and editor for the education and technology company Cengage Learning, among other clients.

She met her husband, Kris Havlak, in 2007. Beth Ann and Kris quickly discovered they shared an innate sense of silliness, a love of LEGOs and a passion for computer games. The couple married on Oct. 16, 2010, at Stanford Memorial Church.

She and her husband briefly lived in Texas from 2012 to 2014, before settling in the Seattle area, where the climate and politics proved to be a better fit for her.

She is survived by her husband, Kris, her parents, Ken and Marcia Allen, her sister, Susie Allen; and her beloved dachshund, Backup. A celebration of life will be held in Palo Alto in June.



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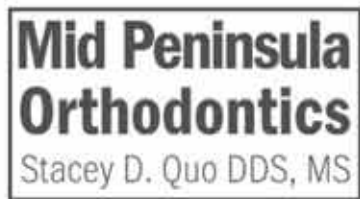
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FOR IMMIGRANTS



Following rumors of possible immigration raids, East Palo Alto residents have joined together to protect those at risk by attending community forums and setting up safe havens for those potentially facing deportation.

Story by Sue Dremann | Photos by Veronica Weber

On the afternoon of Feb. 24 the usually lively streets of East Palo Alto were mostly empty. But the city and its residents were frenetic along other avenues.

Nearly a month to the day after President Donald Trump issued Executive Order 13768 seeking to deport tens of thousands of “removable aliens,” the internet was abuzz with warnings that federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents had been spotted at a local gas station. Agents in dark blue jackets and khaki pants had supposedly been asking a Latino man for his documentation. ICE vehicles were allegedly seen at another gas station at the corner of University Avenue and East Bayshore Road — a checkpoint, people conjectured. Other residents thought ICE agents were in vans in front

of elementary schools, awaiting parents who might be undocumented to arrive to pick up their children.

All of these rumors now appear to be unfounded, according to police and an ICE spokesman. But dozens of parents called the Ravenswood City School District offices that day, compelling the school district to convene a March 2 community meeting to quell fears.

“Parents called and thought that ICE was outside of the schools; it was tree trimmers from the City of East Palo Alto who were doing maintenance work across the street. People pulled their kids out of school,” Superintendent Gloria Hernandez-Goff said.

The rumors — and how quickly they spread — point to a population of immigrants who are not only afraid but who don’t know

their rights or whom they can trust. Two-thirds of East Palo Alto’s 28,155 residents are immigrants, both legal and undocumented, with 61.6 percent being Latino and 10.9 percent Pacific Islanders, according to city data. Feeling isolated, they are fearful of schools, the city, police or others who might turn them or their family members over to immigration authorities.

In response, East Palo Altans, community and faith groups have been coming together to educate each other about their civil rights. They are forming watchdog coalitions to monitor ICE actions and setting up sanctuaries in their homes for families suddenly in crisis or who need a place to hide.

Some of the strongest advocates are undocumented residents themselves, who’ve taken it upon

themselves to teach others about their rights.

Laura, a mother of two who does not want her last name published because of her immigration status, arrived in the U.S. nearly 16 years ago. She made her way over barbed wire and hid in the cold desert night in an abandoned vehicle and then in safe houses in Los Angeles — a sort of underground railroad to the “promised land.”

On one of her tries, the smugglers, or “coyotes,” sent Laura to a dark house in a bad part of Mexicali, where she was told to remain silent. About 100 people were crowded inside the residence, she recalled. When the signal came to run for the fence, she was the second person to climb over it. But she was near panic, fearing she would be caught, when a large searchlight swung in her direction, she said. Suddenly, a man reached out his hand and pulled her to safety.

“To this day I don’t know why he did that. He could have just kept running,” she said.

That incident is now a metaphor for the work she is doing to help people stay on the northern side of the barbed wire: It’s about reaching out to others even if you don’t know who they are, she said.

Now she gives talks at schools and community meetings for local community group *Comité Latino*, which offers fellowship and information to the Latino community and organizes the annual *Cinco de Mayo* festival.

“The first thing when I came here, I was afraid to go out because I didn’t feel I had rights. Now I know I can fight for my rights, and I can fight for others, too,” Laura said. “My brother says, ‘You have to be careful; you are too political and you are without papers.’ But that doesn’t matter. If you can help the community, that

is OK. They can help me, too.”

Chela, a 26-year U.S. resident who also asked that her last name be withheld, is also helping other undocumented immigrants. She has the rock-solid demeanor of a wise grandmother, a direct gaze and easy smile. Her rough hands show years of menial labor as a janitor, seamstress and restaurant worker. But she also trains and choreographs dances for quinceañeras, the coming-out parties for 15-year-old girls, and she teaches a local *folklorico* dance group. In the schools, she volunteered as an ambassador for families with children with disabilities.

Well-known and trusted in the community, Chela acts as a bridge between organizations that want to help and leery immigrants who desperately need information. She hands out leaflets, for meetings sponsored by *Comité Latino* and makes phone calls, and she is helping to coordinate immigrant-resources booths for the upcoming *Cinco de Mayo* celebration.

“I worry about working people and families with small children and those with disabilities,” she said.

“It is definitely important to defend oneself and to know what to answer when you are asked questions. People need to know their rights.”

She said recent fears over deportation have a silver lining: “It is bringing different kinds of people together to get past the prejudice found in different ethnic groups and traditions.”

TRUST COMES FIRST

East Palo Alto Vice Mayor Ruben Abrica said that people like Chela are important because they have history in the neighborhood.



Gloria Hernandez-Goff, Ravenswood school district superintendent, talks to parents about immigration concerns during a March 2 forum at *Costaño Elementary School* in East Palo Alto. She assured them the district will protect children from deportation.

“People listen to her,” said Abrica, who cofounded Comité Latino.

Building trust is the basis for everything else, he said. But it isn’t easy. There’s a fundamental mistrust of authorities in some immigrant communities based on past bad experiences in their native countries and in the United States. Some people aren’t accessing the services they need because they don’t trust the programs’ providers.

“We are starting to see people declining services out of fear,” Iliana Rodriguez, human services agency director for the County of San Mateo, said she has heard anecdotally at the Feb. 28 Comité Latino “Know Your Rights” meeting. The caseload for Cal-Fresh supplemental food-assistance has dropped, for example, she later said, although she did not have hard numbers.

Victoria Tinoco of Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto agreed. The nonprofit organization offers free legal help to residents, including services related to immigration law.

“People say they are afraid to talk to us because they are afraid we are working with ICE. No!” she said. Community Legal Services clients are protected by attorney-client privilege, she told the crowd.

At the school district’s emergency meeting on March 2 at Costano Elementary School, nearly 200 people gathered in the gymnasium.

Hernandez-Goff, flanked by representatives from the East Palo Alto and Menlo Park police departments and the Santa Clara County Sheriff’s Office, described how the district will handle any ICE agents who might come to the schools.

The district Board of Education unanimously adopted a resolution on Feb. 23 that makes clear that district resources, including employees, will not be used to enforce civil immigration law. The district and staff will not collect or share any information regarding documentation or citizenship status for the federal government and will not take part in any registry, she said.

“Many of our staff are immigrants. And guess what? They are afraid too,” she said.

“If ICE comes to the school’s office, they are to be sent to the district office or I will come to the school and our lawyer will meet me there.”

Some parents said they fear that ICE agents might follow the school bus. But drivers who see someone following them have been instructed not to drop any child off; they are to bring the child back to the district office and a parent will be contacted, Hernandez-Goff said. Children will not be left alone, and the district will keep calling persons authorized to pick up a child until someone can be reached, she added.

Parents should have a plan for custody of their children in the

event they are detained by ICE, however, and they should update any cards at the school indicating who will be allowed to take their children from the campus. Absent a designated adult, children could end up in the foster-care system, she said.

Hernandez-Goff said that the large turnout at the Costano meeting gave her hope.

“It shows that people are willing to come out and are asking questions of the district and of the police. I give them big kudos. Now they are getting a little feisty,” she said.

To reach more families, the district is setting up small-group “cafecitos” where parents can meet over coffee and ask more personalized questions, she said.

One parent, Marco Duarte, is also training others through the district’s Family Leadership Institute Migrant Committee. The committee helps parents to understand their rights, ask questions and get results. The group has a phone tree to call parents and keep them informed.

Duarte stressed the importance of safety in numbers.

“We need everybody on the bus. We don’t want to feel disadvantaged as a minority,” he said.

BUILDING RAPID-RESPONSE TEAMS, SAFE HAVENS

inevitably, people will be picked up by ICE. One East Palo Alto resident — a parishioner at the city’s St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church — was deported after trying to re-enter the country at San Francisco International Airport, according to pastor Fr. Lawrence Goode.

When ICE comes calling, volunteers who have formed “rapid-response teams” will convene at the scene to witness the action.

Faith In Action Bay Area has trained nearly 1,000 people in San Mateo and San Francisco counties to jump into action when there is news of an ICE encounter.

On March 20, more than 70 people arrived at St. Francis of Assisi to learn about training as legal observers, moral witnesses, family-support personnel and accompaniment teams.

Jennifer Martinez, executive director of the San Francisco-based organization, said the strategy has already been used in San Francisco and has helped prevent several dozen deportations. Now it is being scaled up.

On March 27 the organization opened a rapid-response hotline for people to report ICE encounters. When the call comes in, a team of volunteers will go to the site of the action to document any abuses by authorities. The witnesses can confirm if ICE is on scene or dispel any rumors if another law-enforcement agency is there, such as a parole officer. A legal representative will arrive to ensure that the person’s rights are not being violated and either offer representation or direct the person



Iliana Rodriguez, director of human services for San Mateo County, second from right, speaks directly to community members about their legal rights during a March 2 immigration forum. In East Palo Alto, approximately two-thirds of the city’s 28,155 residents are a mix of legal and undocumented immigrants.

‘Knowledge is power’

Educating immigrants about their rights could save them from abuse

by Sue Dremann

Knowing one’s rights might be the most powerful defense against deportation, say community leaders who are helping East Palo Alto immigrants, but many people are unprepared.

“Do I have to let Immigration and Customs Enforcement in?”

“What happens to my property if I am deported?”

“What protection do my kids have if I’m taken into custody?”

Individuals who don’t know the answers to these and many other questions leave themselves vulnerable not only to deportation but to criminals who prey on their lack of knowledge.

Questions like these are already surfacing in East Palo Alto, as seen at a March 2 community meeting on immigration at Costano Elementary School, sponsored by the Ravenswood City School District.

An older man who has owned a home in East Palo Alto for many years said he was recently followed on the streets at 4 a.m. Men he believed were ICE agents were looking for someone who had his same name.

“If someone is in my home that ICE agents are looking for, do I have to invite them in?” he asked March 2.

One East Palo Alto family, the Pintos, opened the door in March to persons who allegedly claimed to be “Immigration” but who turned out to be bail bonds bounty hunters.

Armed with guns and dressed in blue shirts with official-looking insignias and khaki pants, the men came to the Pintos’ home and pounded on the door. The Pintos didn’t know they had the right to keep their door closed nor that they had the right to ask for a warrant and to tell the men to leave their property.

In response to these and other situations, community leaders are holding “Know Your Rights” workshops. Comité Latino has hosted immigrants’ rights meetings on every fourth Tuesday of the month since December.

The February meeting featured staff from the San Mateo County Sheriff’s Office, the nonprofit Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto and the County of San Mateo Human Services Agency.

Brochures in English and Spanish were set out that outlined people’s rights — if ICE comes, you have a right to see a warrant and you should not sign any documents before speaking with a lawyer — and discussed how to develop a safety plan.

Brightly colored “right to remain silent” wallet cards in English and Spanish provided instructions on what to do if confronted by police or immigration agents and how to refuse to answer questions, make statements and seek an attorney.

Some meeting attendees wanted to know if a fingerprint taken during a traffic citation, such as for driving without a license, would be put into a national database that ICE agents could access. The answer was “no.”

A Community Legal Services paralegal noted the importance of putting together an emergency family plan, such as finding the right people to care for one’s children if a parent is deported and putting that request in writing in advance. Authorities won’t release a child to someone who has a criminal record, the paralegal noted.

At Comité Latino’s March 18 gathering, a representative from the Mexican Consulate in San Francisco discussed the consulate’s documentation services — a way for immigrants to avoid scammers like “notarios” or notaries. Such individuals promise green cards and services to people seeking legal status, but instead they take money and put their victims in jeopardy of deportation.

East Palo Alto Vice Mayor Ruben Abrica, cofounder of Comité Latino, said that keeping up with continually evolving information poses a challenge. But Comité and other groups are working to vet answers and share them with residents, he said. The hope is that with enough community support and a small army of volunteers, they can spread information and empower the community. ■

to legal services.

The volunteers will help families and individuals in crisis by providing food, rides to appointments and connections to social and mental health services.

“We’re training enough people to have a 24/7 response,” Martinez said. “The bright spot in all of this is the amount of people who have

come to say they want to stand up for human rights and dignity.

“In my 15 years of organizing, I have never had a time when we opened the doors and 1,000 people walked through in a matter of weeks,” she said.

Rapid-response attorneys are an especially important component of the volunteer network. Immigrants

facing arrest and deportation can be expelled rapidly from the country, often before a hearing or before they can offer an argument against deportation, such as being victims of crime, said Ilyce Shugall, directing attorney of the immigration program at Community Legal

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Ruben Abrica, East Palo Alto vice mayor, right, Iliana Rodriguez, human services director for San Mateo County (left), and Paul Kunkel, a San Mateo County Sheriff's captain (center), educate East Palo Alto residents about their legal rights should they face home visits by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents.

Immigration

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Services in East Palo Alto.

"There are certain categories of individuals that ICE doesn't have to bring before an immigration judge and can just bring an immigration order. The Interior Enforcement executive order does suggest that they will use those provisions to the fullest extent possible," she said.

The broad language in the executive order implies that enforcement could be used against a wide swath of immigrants who are not in the country legally. Shugall is particularly concerned that some Mexican nationals who may be eligible to stay in the U.S. will be arrested and deported — someone who failed to appear for a hearing because he or she never received notice after the court got the address wrong, for example.

Undocumented Mexicans get deported quickly, she said, since Mexico is just a bus ride away — unlike someone from a more distant country, who would be more costly to deport.

Community Legal Services is hiring additional staff for its immigration program to address the increased number of people in need and to stay abreast of the changing laws. The organization used to help students apply for protection under the Deferred Action Childhood Arrivals (DACA), but it has stopped taking new applicants because through the executive order it appears that Trump intends to revoke DACA, she said.

Another movement within the community is offering safe havens or sanctuaries for individuals who are clearly at risk for deportation. Volunteers are offering a room, food or transportation to the homes of the person's relatives and friends in another city, so the person being sought can hide.

It's a risky move to provide a safe house, though.

"That can be considered alien harboring under federal criminal law," Shugall said.

But some persons in the sanctuary movement said they are willing to take the risk.

One volunteer said she plans to house one to two adults or a family of four or five at her home.

As to the personal risk: "It is always real," she said.

"I don't want to say it's an underground railroad for immigrants," she added when describing the services the groups offer, but in essence that is what it might become. She has a room ready and will wait for a call from a network — a call she hopes will never have to come for the sake of the immigrants involved, she said.

The volunteer said there are times in history when it is not enough to be self-protective. Her own family history with the Holocaust informed her decision, she said.

"I grew up in a family where the first thing that comes to mind when meeting a new friend is, 'Would you hide me?'" she said.

"It's a very real question. Would I help my friends, my family and my neighbors? It's the cost of membership in humanity. ... And if we're not willing to do that, what kind of society are we?"

Laura, the undocumented immigrant, said she is also setting a good example for her teenage daughter about fighting for one's rights, being self-educated and helping others.

"I have listened a long time about bad things about East Palo Alto. But if we work together — I don't care if we are three or four small people — we can change things. My priority is to work with the new generation. They are our future," she said. ■

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ABOUT THE COVER An undocumented woman living in East Palo Alto, who wished to remain anonymous, is helping to educate residents about their rights following recent government raids in search of undocumented immigrants. Photo by Veronica Weber.

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Ilyce Shugall, directing attorney for the immigration program at Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto, said she is particularly concerned that some Mexican nationals who may be eligible to stay in the U.S. will be arrested and deported. The legal agency is hiring additional staff to address the increasing number of people in need.

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ONE FINAL BOW

Redwood Bluegrass Associates
ends 25-year run in Mountain View

by Chrissi Angeles

The band 27 Strings (Howard Gage, Rachel Gage, Tom Bull, Greg Frees and Hildy Licht) will perform at Redwood Bluegrass Associates' farewell concert on April 22.

For the past quarter century, Redwood Bluegrass Associates has been supporting and promoting top-notch bluegrass concerts on the Peninsula. Now, it's time to say goodbye. The nonprofit will present one last all-star show on April 22 in Mountain View.

The group, which goes by the acronym RBA, started in 1991, as an all-volunteer organization presenting live music events outside of the summer festival realm. Since 1992, bluegrass buff Peter Thompson has been heavily involved as RBA's publicist, secretary, stage manager, MC and merchandise-seller.

"It's a soulful, emotional music with songs that told good stories and musicians who were the real deal," Thompson explained. "Plus, it was fun to try to play and sing ... I used to play guitar, but I married my favorite guitar player (local bluegrass musician Kathy Kallick), and I'd rather listen to her now."

There were multiple factors behind RBA's decision to end its long run.

"There's been a constant ebb and flow of interest in the music ... there are now fewer venues, fewer opportunities for emerging bands to pay their dues and hone their craft," Thompson said. "The types of concerts attracting younger bluegrass enthusiasts are not concerts like ours. The current board has little interest in hosting a festival or partnering with a bar, and we have been unsuccessful — despite five years of trying — in attracting younger volunteers to take responsibility for our concert presentations."

For many, RBA's shows served as an opportunity to connect with the local community. The organization often held pre-concert potluck dinners and jam sessions with musicians and volunteers.

"I think most bluegrass enthusiasts like me recognize that RBA has always tried to present music of the highest quality — presented by musicians who were not frequent performers in California — in an appealing environment for reasonable ticket prices," Thompson said.

Musicians set to perform at RBA's grand finale expressed gratitude for how it has fostered a positive, inclusive environment for musicians and listeners over the decades.

Northern California Bluegrass Society's seven-time Female Vocalist of the Year winner, AJ Lee (a 19-year-old musician with two solo albums and six RBA performances under her belt) said she has warm memories of working with the organization.

"I know with RBA shows ... I'd look forward to them every year. Those were honestly my favorite shows to play. I felt a lot of community there with the bluegrass people," she said.

Lee will perform three of her original songs at RBA's grand finale.

"It's honestly been a real pleasure supporting RBA, and it makes me sad to know that it's gonna be the farewell show," she said. "I've had such positive memories there. It's been a really fun time for me."

In the local music scene, the Tuttle name is synonymous with bluegrass. Jack Tuttle, a music instructor who has taught thousands of students at Gryphon Stringed Instruments in Palo Alto, often performed

at RBA events with Lee and his three children as The Tuttles with AJ Lee. Influenced by his family's passion for bluegrass, Jack's 21-year-old son Sullivan (who plays guitar and sings baritone) will join forces with bluegrass group The Faultliners as a special guest.

"(RBA) shows were always one of my favorite shows to play," Sullivan Tuttle said. "The audience was really attentive compared to a lot of the gigs we used to play. A lot of people I knew would come. I'm going to be sad to see it go."

27 Strings, a band comprising Jack Tuttle's music-class graduates from Gryphon, was named for the total number of strings attached to each instrument within the band: banjo, bass, fiddle, guitar and mandolin. Although this will be the band's first time performing at an RBA concert, members of the band have attended many shows sponsored by the organization.

Band member Greg Frees wears many hats as 27 Strings' mandolin player, guitarist and vocalist. Although he said he has been musically inclined since childhood, playing guitar and piano, it was the sight of a European-style mandolin in the window of an antique shop that piqued his interest in bluegrass music 11 years ago. After "plinking around" with the instrument, he decided to take mandolin lessons, where he met his bandmates: guitarist Tom Bull, bassist Howard Gage and two RBA board members, fiddler Rachel Gage and banjo player Hildy Licht.

"We've been playing as a band for about eight years now, which is a long time for any band," Frees said. "One of the things I like about 27 Strings is that we all love each

other. We all enjoy hanging out with each other every Thursday night, playing music and (having) dinner together ... there's not a lot of drama in the band. Everyone gets along, and that's not easy in a band."

Frees described past RBA shows as a relaxed, family-like community.

"It's really sad, because they bring in really top-notch bands," he said. "RBA has brought in some really big-time bluegrass talent. So that not being around anymore is going to cut down significantly on the top-name bands that we'll be able to go to see in a very intimate venue."

During 27 Strings' set at the grand finale, the audience can expect a blend of traditional bluegrass songs by Bill Monroe, modern bluegrass songs and an original song written by Frees and Bull.

The organization plans to end on a high note. "(We are) justifiably proud of what RBA has accomplished and meant, and are glad to dissolve the organization with no debts," Thompson said. "In fact, we expect to have a small surplus, which we'll donate to worthwhile bluegrass organizations for scholarships to music camps, assistance to musicians in need and the like." ■

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When: Saturday, April 22; open jam session at 5 p.m., showtime at 7:30 p.m.
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Once more into the 'Cuckoo's Nest'

Los Altos Stage Company offers worthwhile version of the Beat Generation classic

by Kevin Kirby

REVIEW THEATER

In 1962, Ken Kesey burst into the literary spotlight with the publication of his first novel, "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," a screed against the social conformity of the post-WWII era that also served as an exposé of abusive practices in America's mental hospitals.

The book was a critical and popular success, and the following year it hit the Broadway stage in an adaptation by Dale Wasserman. Over the subsequent half-century, Wasserman's play has been a common offering among community and regional theaters, and last weekend it had its opening night at Los Altos Stage Company (LASC).

There are many wonderful things about the Los Altos production, beginning with the set. Ting-Na Wang's scenic design puts us in a locked men's ward in an Oregon state psychiatric hospital. There is a plexiglass-enclosed nurses' station, as well as exits to the patients' rooms, a doctor's office, a restroom, a janitor's closet and — locked behind a pair of heavy wire mesh doors located upstage center — the main hospital corridor.

The institutional feel is heightened by the two-tone walls — dingy white above and dull turquoise below. It is presumably no accident that the turquoise matches almost precisely the color of the patients' hospital-issue clothing, nor that the staff is dressed exclusively in white, such that the color scheme of the set reinforces the inviolable hierarchy of the hospital.

The seven actors who play the long-term patients are the real stars of LASC's production. Director Jeff Clarke has taken a group of obviously talented actors and turned them into a believable community. Their interactions keep the play humming, and their deceptively simple (but no doubt tightly choreographed) blocking helps to delineate the different activities in the ward.

The stand-out among this group is David Blackburn as Dale Harding, president of the ineffectual Patients' Council. Blackburn is both poignant and funny as a man paralyzed by his own intellect and withering self-awareness.

Drew Benjamin Jones is sympathetic as Billy Bibbit, a young man whose psychological problems clearly trace back to his domineering mother. (This might be a good time to mention that Kesey's novel, culturally important though it may be, is one of the most virulently misogynistic texts of the entire boys-only Beat era. Wasserman's adaptation softens the chauvinism significantly, but it is so deeply woven into the story's foundational assumptions that it cannot be wholly excised.)

Joe Antonicelli gives a fun turn as the schizophrenic Martini, though it's hard to tell at times whether he's purposely "throwing away" his scripted lines or throwing in ad libs to keep the group scenes energized. Keith Larson and Aaron Hurley play two of the show's most underwritten characters, Scanlon and Cheswick, and Gary Landis is a looming presence as the lobotomized Ruckly.

And finally, there is James Devreaux Lewis as Chief Bromden, a character freighted with far more undisguised symbolism than any actor should have to carry. Lewis avoids the obvious pitfalls in playing Kesey's noble savage, and he handles the character's frequent delusion-fueled monologues with aplomb. If he can't quite mitigate the awkwardness of a tribal war dance performed by a gaggle of mental patients or the heavy-handed contrivance of the play's ending, it's hardly his fault.

Each of these actors brings intelligence and commitment to his role, and their collective work creates the backdrop for the play's central conflict.

Which brings us to the two iconic central characters of "Cuckoo's Nest": R.P. McMurphy (played here by Robert Sean Campbell) and his nemesis,



Aide Warren (Marc Berman) looks on as Randle P. McMurphy (Robert Sean Campbell) battles Nurse Ratched (Heather Skelley) in "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest."

Nurse Ratched (Heather Skelley).

McMurphy is a quintessential Beat Generation hero (or, depending on your politics, anti-hero). Id-driven and testosterone-fueled, he is an irrepressible, overgrown Huck Finn in open rebellion against the emasculating forces of social conformity. But rather than grant him the freedom of the American road, Kesey seeks to martyr his hero by tossing him into the soul-grinding maw of a mental-health system designed to quarantine and silence nonconformists.

Not every actor would have the guts to follow this character wherever he goes, but Campbell does. From his first moments on the ward, Campbell struts and crows, a free-range rooster among chemically castrated capons. Some of his antics feel forced, but this may be appropriate for a character who has apparently faked mental illness at trial in order to trade five months of hard labor for five "easy" months in a mental ward.

Everything about McMurphy — his gambling, his profanity, his libido — is an affront to the ward's overseer: the humorless, exacting, manipulative Nurse Ratched, known to the cowed patients and staff alike as "Big Nurse." The story centers on the battle of wills between these two personalities — and, by extension, the social forces that they represent.

And this is where the Los Altos production falters. The battle presented on the LASC stage is not an even matchup, and therefore not fully compelling.

Skelley is clearly a competent actress with a reasonable grasp on her character. But her Big Nurse simply isn't big enough. This is a matter not of physical size but of stage presence. Skelley's icy professionalism can't compete with Campbell's over-the-top defiance. A touch more smugness might help, or a more grating therapeutic chirpiness, or even more outright menace.

Without an adequately detestable Ratched, the audience has far too much time to deconstruct Campbell's unsavory McMurphy and not enough reason to root for him. And ultimately, the brutality of their final confrontation feels unearned — a scripted climax rather than the organic and inexorable result of all that has come before.

The show has other minor flaws — the stylized electroshock sequence could be clearer, for instance, and we really should hear a key in a lock each time the mesh gates are opened — but none of them are damning. And there is more than enough good acting, good direction and good design work to make LASC's "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" a worthwhile evening of theater. ■

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Right, Madera chef Il Hoon Kang pours a lamb jus reduction over the Schmitz Ranch lamb loin with tiny braised artichoke hearts, eggplant, morels and sea beans, seasoned with Lebanese seven spice.

Left, the fraise de bois at Madera comes with a ring of white chocolate mousse, strawberry sorbet and a yogurt sponge cake surrounding a gentle basil coulis.



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"Sometimes you forget just how good food can taste," said my dining companion, who was halfway through her appetizer of kampachi yellowtail, kumquat, cherry bomb radish, yuzu, avocado and buttermilk (\$21).

The presentation offered by the kitchen at Madera, the Rosewood Sand Hill Hotel's restaurant, was a work of art, like an ancient Roman grass crown, but edible, more colorful and with a blissful combination of ingredients. My companion stared at the dish for a long moment, then sighed before digging in.

"It was so beautiful, I almost didn't want to eat it," she said, "but I'm so glad I did."

I started with the foie gras terrine (\$23) with rhubarb, strawberry and a walnut-and-esspresso financier. It wasn't exactly a terrine, rather a deconstructed extract of what it would have been in the terrine. It looked more like dessert than I had expected. Where was the duck liver?

The chunks of rhubarb held a nice balance of bitter and sweet. The tiny strawberries, I was convinced, had been flown in from France. I was surprised to learn they were grown in Palo Alto. The financier was a small, flavorful almond cake and the tiny pieces of walnut added crunch. But, where was the foie gras? The only other ingredient on the plate looked like dollops of whipped cream. That was the foie gras, cleverly whipped into the cream. The flavors were more subdued than if the liver had been seared — subtle, but not lost. Definitely rich, definitely foie gras, definitely delicious.

Madera, which occupies one wing of the Rosewood in Menlo Park, is bouncing back after losing its Michelin star in 2015. It regained the coveted star last year. Earning a Michelin star is very subjective — especially in the United States — but suffice it to say, it is a mark of distinction but not a guarantee.

Madera is a large airy space with an open kitchen on the left, just beyond hotel reception. The kitchen was strategically placed so the dining room and terrace could maximize sweeping views of the foothills as well as the open sky above. That evening, at dusk, the expansive sky was the color of an iridescent, purplish-pink Easter egg. Breathtaking.

For dessert at Madera, try the kung fu tea chocolate: soft chocolate ganache, tea ice cream, poached Asian pear and chocolate dacquoise (plus a white chocolate wafer imprinted with a kicking Bruce Lee).

Besides the open kitchen and terrace, Madera boasts a glowing fireplace, well-spaced tables, a vaulted ceiling, upholstered banquettes with comfortable pillows and an ever-buzzing waitstaff. The Rosewood bar is located elsewhere on the property.

I would define the restaurant as elegant-casual. Elegant in its ambiance and fare, casual in the range of attire of the guests. Male dress ranged from sports coats to shabby blue jeans with untucked shirts. Women, by and large, were in dresses and business attire.

In the kitchen is California native and California Culinary Academy graduate Reylon Agustin, whose career has taken him to Michelin-starred restaurants in London working under Gordon Ramsay and in the Bay Area, working under renowned chef and restaurateur Traci Des Jardins. He was appointed Madera's executive chef earlier this year.

Our waiter greeted us by name. He was knowledgeable, friendly and professional, paced the meal perfectly and attended to all the amenities that define a Michelin-starred restaurant.

Soon after we ordered, an amuse-bouche of chilled vichyssoise with drops of mustard oil arrived. It was a nice touch while the sommelier uncorked the wine.

The wine list contains 99 pages of the greatest labels on the planet. Paul Mekis, who made his mark at Plumed Horse in Saratoga, has assembled one of the best wine lists on the Peninsula. Awarded Wine Spectator's Best of Excellence 2016, it's an oenophile's dream. The prices, though, caused heart palpitations. Many of the reds ran into the hundreds, sometimes thousands of dollars per bottle. Fear not; a sommelier does more than build a wine cellar. He or she is expert in finding the perfect pairing that will please both the palate and the pocketbook.

For entrées, the Yukon gold potato gnocchi (\$30) was served with green garlic, Sicilian pistachios, black truffle and parmesan — and other ingredients, as no plate was as simple as the menu indicated. There was chard and hedgehog mushrooms, yellow edible flowers and chives. The gnocchi had been sautéed, which turned the Yukon golds more golden and gave the pasta a welcome firmness and texture to match the woody shaved truffles. The presentation was beautiful in a black earthenware bowl. Surprisingly, flavors didn't leap from the bowl. Despite the Perigord truffles, the dish was mel-low and refined, but each ingredient was evident, central to creating

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Madera

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a harmonious whole.

The Schmitz Ranch lamb loin (\$41) featured several generous pieces of rare lamb with tiny braised artichoke hearts, eggplant, morels and sea beans, seasoned with Lebanese seven spice. The seared meat was firm but tender, savory but not gamey, and spiced just enough to add a dimension of flavor.

One dessert was crazy good. The kung fu tea chocolate (\$12) was served inside a glass filled with soft chocolate ganache, tea ice cream, poached Asian pear and chocolate dacquoise cake. The dessert came on a small wood tray with a tea pot filled with liquefied chocolate that was then poured into the glass. Chocolate over chocolate over chocolate over pear, what's not to like? As a bonus, there was a white chocolate wafer imprinted with a kicking Bruce Lee at his kung fu best.

Another dessert, the fraise des bois (\$12), was a ring of white chocolate mousse, strawberry sorbet and a yogurt sponge cake surrounding a gentle basil coulis. The artistic presentation caused one to pause — but not for long.

The dinner tab for two, three-course meals with wine and tip was \$378.

I returned for lunch because I wanted to see what a \$20 hamburger was like. The oak-grilled Sand Hill burger with white cheddar, lettuce and applewood bacon

on a soft bun was about 4 inches thick. Only a starving python could have wrapped his jaws around that burger. It was really good though, and I didn't need dinner that night.

There was a bit of showmanship pulling into the Rosewood Sand Hill Hotel with Teslas, Porsches and Ferraris lined up, but there's no pretension inside Madera, just pleasant ambiance, great food and a staff eager to please. While prices were high, they were not absurdly so for Michelin-star quality. ■

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conduit for troubling emotions. Spanish writer-director Nacho Vigalondo's new film "Colossal" serves as the grown-up edition of "A Monster Calls" by using a

deliberately juvenile premise to speak to adults who need to grow up already and address the issues holding them back.

There's an irony in that the majority of modern moviegoers resemble the characters of "Colossal": It takes a giant creature (feature) to engage their emotional intelligence. Anne Hathaway plays Gloria, a callous, selfish blackout drunk Manhattanite who, in the film's opening minutes, forfeits her boyfriend (Dan Stevens) and Soho apartment with her last-straw behavior. Gloria returns to her sleepy hometown, moves into her parents' vacant house and immediately runs into her old school-mate Oscar (Jason Sudeikis).

It's immediately clear that Oscar always had a thing for Gloria, which now manifests in his lavishing her with attention, gifts and favors, like a job at the bar he owns and operates. It's also possible that he's his own business's best patron, so he and Gloria bond over post-shift drinking bouts in the company of Oscar's loyal barflies Joel (Austin Stowell) and Garth (Tim Blake Nelson). In one

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Movies

MOVIES NOW SHOWING

- Beauty and the Beast (PG) ** Century 20:** Fri. - Sun.
- The Body Snatcher (1945) (Not Rated)**
Stanford Theatre: 7:30 p.m., Fri. - Sun., 4:35 p.m., Sat. & Sun.
- Born in China (G) Century 20:** Fri. - Sun.
- The Boss Baby (PG) **1/2 Century 20:** Fri. - Sun.
- Colossal (R) ***1/2 Aquarius Theatre:** Fri. - Sun.
- The Fate of the Furious (PG-13) Century 20:** Fri. - Sun.
- Frantz (PG-13) ***1/2 Aquarius Theatre:** Fri. - Sun.
- Free Fire (R) Century 20:** Fri. - Sun.
- Get Out (R) ***1/2 Century 20:** Fri. - Sun.
- Gifted (PG-13) Century 20:** Fri. - Sun. **Palo Alto Square:** Fri. - Sun.
- Going in Style (PG-13) *1/2 Century 20:** Fri. - Sun.
- The Graduate 50th Anniversary (1967) (Not Rated) Century 20:** Sunday
- Isle of the Dead (1945) (Not Rated)**
Stanford Theatre: 6:05 & 9 p.m., Fri. - Sun.
- Life (R) Century 20:** Fri. - Sun.
- Logan (R) *** Century 20:** Fri. - Sun.
- The Lost City of Z (PG-13) Century 20:** Fri. - Sun.
- The Metropolitan Opera: Eugene Onegin**
Century 20: Saturday **Palo Alto Square:** Saturday
- Phoenix Forgotten (PG-13) Century 20:** Fri. - Sun.
- The Promise (PG-13) Century 20:** Fri. - Sun.
- Smurfs: The Lost Village (PG) Century 20:** Fri. - Sun.
- Their Finest (R) Palo Alto Square:** Fri. - Sun.
- Tommy's Honour (PG) Century 20:** Fri. - Sun.
- Unforgettable (R) Century 20:** Fri. - Sun.
- Your Name (PG) Century 20:** Fri. - Sun.
- The Zookeeper's Wife (PG-13)**
Century 20: Fri. - Sun. **Guild Theatre:** Fri. - Sun.

Aquarius: 430 Emerson St., Palo Alto

(For recorded listings: 327-3241) tinyurl.com/Aquariuspa

Century Cinema 16: 1500 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View
tinyurl.com/Century16

Century 20 Downtown: 825 Middlefield Road, Redwood City
tinyurl.com/Century20

CineArts at Palo Alto Square: 3000 El Camino Real, Palo Alto
(For information: 493-0128) tinyurl.com/Pasquare

Guild: 949 El Camino Real, Menlo Park
(For recorded listings: 566-8367) tinyurl.com/Guildmp

Stanford Theatre: 221 University Ave., Palo Alto
(For recorded listings: 324-3700) Stanfordtheatre.org



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★ Skip it ★★ Some redeeming qualities ★★★ A good bet ★★★★ Outstanding

'Colossal'

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moment of unsparing honesty, Oscar remarks of day-to-day reality, "It's hard not to get bored. I mean, there are ways, but none of them are healthy."

These romantic-comedic goings on share real estate with a world-shaking event: the appearance of a giant, devil-horned creature on the

coast of Seoul, South Korea. Gloria discovers that she's linked to this monster — let's just say it's her spirit animal — of which Garth notes, "It keeps moving, destroying everything in its path, but it never looks down." And so we find ourselves, with Gloria, neck deep in an allegory of id. You can hope and pray otherwise, but your inner demons will always come out: some way, somehow, some day.

Vigalondo's story allows him to explore 31 flavors of male and female entitlement, including self-loathing, addictive personalities and their post-bender regrets; the insecurities, like neediness and jealousy, behind bullying, domestic abuse and other relational reckless endangerment; the apocalyptic damage unaddressed issues, including addiction, can wreak; and the helplessness of enablers.

"Colossal" makes a left turn from a romantic-comedy (admittedly a dark-tinged one) into something that's two-thirds psychodrama and one-third kaiju movie. In other words, it's pleasingly weird, and a great choice for a star like Hathaway, who can now relax after having bagged her Oscar gold. Ultimately, Vigalondo spies some hope for the broken, that they can channel their rage for at least a bit more good than evil.

Rated R for language. One hour, 50 minutes.

— Peter Canavese



Camp Connection

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ARTS, CULTURE, OTHER CAMPS

Art and Soul Summer Camps **Palo Alto**
Art, cooking, tinkering, Yoga and mindfulness. We celebrate multiple perspectives and recognize the many ways for our children to interpret their world! Summer Unplugged! Ages 5-13 years. Walter Hays School
www.artandsoulpa.com **650.269.0423**

Athena Camps **Los Altos & San Jose**
Community building weekly day camps for girls K - 8th grade. A unique combination of sports, art projects and mentorship designed to build confidence. Sports: tennis, volleyball, yoga, fitness, and self-defense and more. Themes: Connect & Communicate, Love & Express Yourself, Unleash Your Happiness.
www.AthenaCamps.com **408.490.4972**

Community School of Mountain View Music and Arts (CSMA) **Mountain View**
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www.arts4all.org **650.917.6800 ext. 0**

J-Camp at the OFJCC **Palo Alto**
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www.ofjcc-jcamp.com **650.223.8622**

Pacific Art League **Palo Alto**
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www.pacificartleague.org/classes **650.321.3891**

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PACCC summer camps offer campers, grades 1st to 6th, a wide variety of fun opportunities! We are excited to announce all of your returning favorites: Leaders in Training (L.I.T.), PACCC Special Interest Units (S.I.U.), F.A.M.E. (Fine Arts, Music and Entertainment), J.V. Sports and Operation: Chef! Periodic field trips, special visitors and many engaging camp activities, songs and skits round out the fun offerings of PACCC Summer Camps! Open to campers from all communities! Come join the fun in Palo Alto! Register online.
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www.AthenaAcademy.org/Summer **650.543.4560**

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Kids who love to act have fun, put on a show, and learn from pros at the acclaimed TheatreWorks Silicon Valley camps for budding theatre enthusiasts. Spring Break camps for K-6. Summer Camps for K-12, plus special teen programs.
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ACADEMICS

Alexa Café **Stanford, Palo Alto High School**
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Castilleja Summer Camp for Girls **Palo Alto**
Casti Camp offers girls a range of age-appropriate activities including athletics, art, science, computers, writing, crafts, cooking, drama and music classes each day along with weekly field trips.
www.castilleja.org/summercamp **650.470.7833**

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Harker summer programs for preschool - grade 12 children include opportunities for academics, arts, athletics and activities. Taught by exceptional, experienced faculty and staff, our programs offer something for everyone in a safe and supportive environment.
www.summer.harker.org **408.553.5737**

iD Tech Camps **Stanford, Bay Area**
Students ages 7-17 can learn to code apps, design video games, mod Minecraft, engineer robots, model 3D characters, design for VR, explore cyber security, and more. Students explore campus, learn foundational STEM skills, and gain self-confidence.
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Mid-Peninsula High School **Menlo Park**
Mid-Pen's Summer Session offers an innovative series of one-week courses that give students the opportunity to customize their own summer program. These courses go beyond traditional curriculum, giving students the opportunity to enhance their skills while seeking either enrichment or credit repair.
www.mid-pen.com **650.321.1991**

STANFORD EXPLORE: A Lecture Series on Biomedical Research **Stanford**
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Write Now! Summer Writing Camps **Palo Alto Pleasanton**
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www.headsup.org **Emerson: 650.424.1267**
Hacienda: 925.485.5750

ATHLETICS

City of Mountain View Recreation **Mountain View**
Come have a blast with us this summer! We have something for everyone - Recreation Camps, Specialty Camps, Sports Camps, Swim Lessons and more! Programs begin June 5th - register early!
www.mountainview.gov/register **650.903.6331**

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www.KimGrantTennis.com **650.752.8061**

Nike Tennis Camps **Stanford University**
Junior Overnight and Day Camps for boys & girls, ages 9-18 offered throughout June, July and August. Adult Weekend Clinics (June & Aug). Camps directed by Head Men's Coach, Paul Goldstein, Head Women's Coach, Lele Forood, and Associate Men's and Women's Coaches, Brandon Coupe and Frankie Brennan. Come join the fun and get better this summer!
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www.runforfuncamps.com **650.823.5167**

Spartans Sports Camp **Mountain View**
Spartans Sports Camp offers multi-sport, week-long sessions for boys and girls in grades 2-7, sport-specific sessions for grades 2-9, color guard camp for grades 3-9, and cheerleading camp for grades pre-K - 8. We also offer a hip hop dance camp for grades 1-7. Camp dates are June 12 through July 28 at Mountain View High School. The camp is run by MVHS coaches and student-athletes and all proceeds benefit the MVHS Athletic Department. Lunch and extended care are available.
www.SpartansSportsCamp.com **650.479.5906**

Stanford Water Polo **Stanford**
Ages 7 and up. New to sport or have experience, we have a camp for you. Half day or fully day option for boys and girls. All the camps offer fundamental skill work, scrimmages and games.
www.stanfordwaterpolocamps.com **650.725.9016**

YMCA Summer Camps **Silicon Valley**
At the Y, children and teens of all abilities acquire new skills, make friends, and feel that they belong. With hundreds of Summer Day Camps at 30+ locations plus Overnight Camps, you will find a camp that's right for your family. Financial assistance is available.
www.ymcasv.org/summer **408.351.6410**

A weekly guide to home, garden and real estate news, edited by Elizabeth Lorenz

Home Front

ANOTHER NATIONAL RANK ...

A website that explores what makes small to mid-sized cities great places to live, work and visit has ranked Palo Alto sixth on its **Top 100 Best Places to Live** list. The city, according to Livability.com, "has a pretty good checklist of what we look for in a best place to live. Mild weather, a thriving economy, great cultural amenities and a diverse natural environment." Not only that, but it points out that it has two downtowns. "It's not easy to get here financially," the write-up notes, "but once you do, you'll find yourself in a true community."

FLOWERS FOR SALE ...

Brighten your garden with rhododendrons. The DeAnza Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society will hold a rhododendron plant sale in Los Altos on **Saturday, April 22**, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parking lot south of State Street (north of the Los Altos Masonic Lodge). Besides obtaining choice rhododendrons from Bay Laurel Nursery in Scotts Valley, there will be Vireya Series rhododendrons from Pacific Island Nursery.

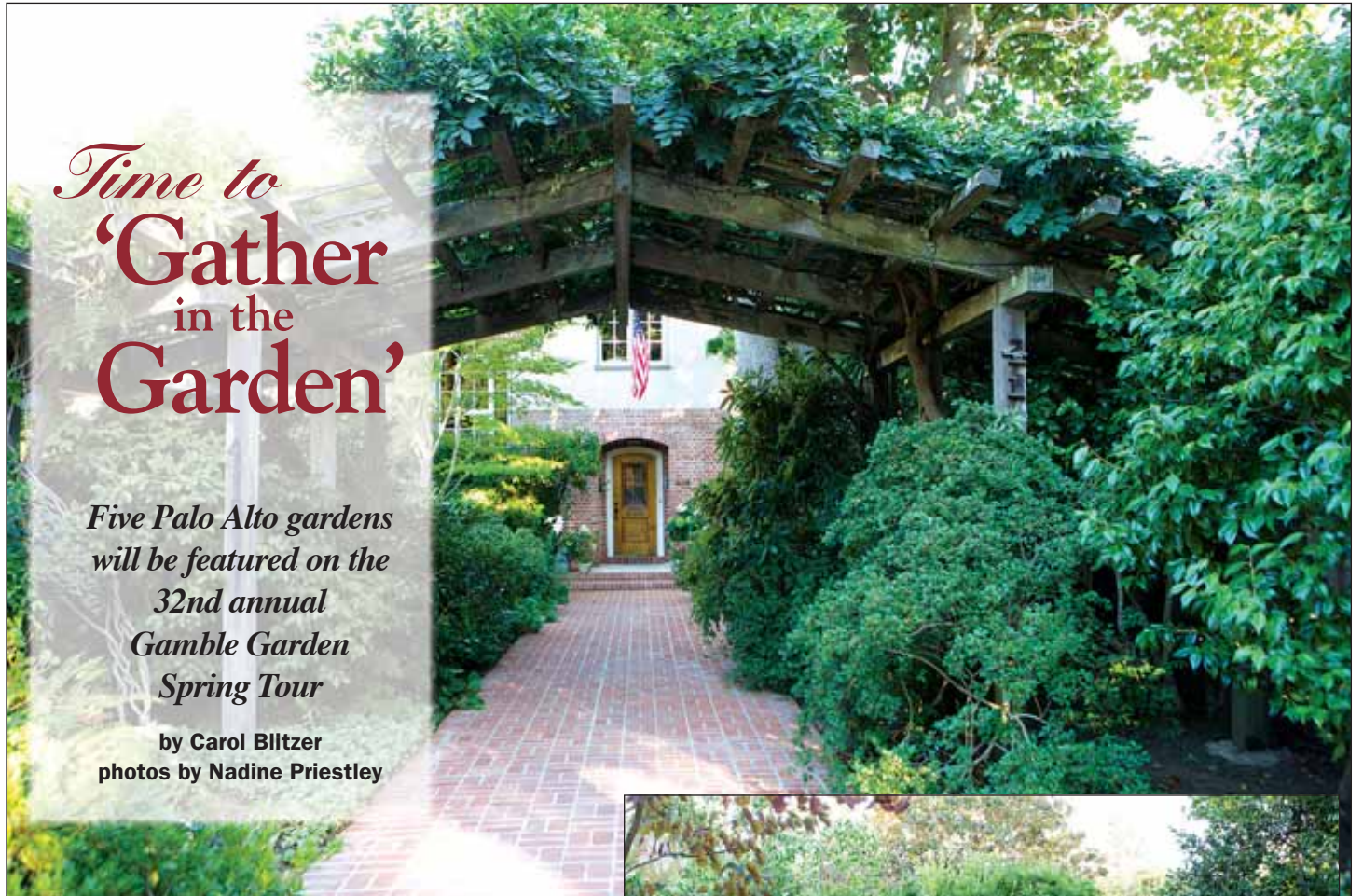
ARCHITECTS' HOME TOUR

DATE ... The Santa Clara Valley chapter of the American Institute of Architects will present its third annual Silicon Valley Home Tours on **Saturday, June 3**, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This self-guided tour will include homes that feature cutting-edge designs and imaginative uses of materials and are sensitive to surrounding neighbors and the environment. The homes on the tour include an Eichler remodel in Mountain View, a re-interpretation of a farmhouse-style home in Palo Alto, a contemporary home in Palo Alto, a Midcentury-influenced townhome in Menlo Park, and a rustic blend of modern designs in Portola Valley. For more information, go to aiascv.org/hometours.

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Time to 'Gather in the Garden'

Five Palo Alto gardens will be featured on the 32nd annual Gamble Garden Spring Tour

by Carol Blitzer
photos by Nadine Priestley

A tall wisteria-laden arbor softens the entry to Duane and Ann Kalar's three-story house, which was built in 1920.

Not a week goes by that someone isn't out front snapping photos of the dramatic arbor that counterbalances the entry to Duane Kalar's three-story house — one of the five homes featured on this year's Gamble Garden Spring Tour.

The arbor was already there when he and his wife, Ann, bought the house in 1976, replacing a huge, ancient oak. In fact, much of the bones of the lush garden were in place, but the Kalars have embraced amending and enhancing the garden ever since.

Visitors on the spring tour will enter under the wisteria-covered arbor, then turn right to see the first of four "rooms": an English garden, complete with low boxwood hedges, roses, tulips, daffodils and spikes of blue muscari. It began as a patch of lawn.

"Ann is a big clipper of garden (pictures)," Duane said, so the English garden is actually modeled after a Dutch garden that she saw in a magazine.

At the side of the house, memorabilia from Duane's youth will be displayed, including abalone shells dug off rocks, shells from fishing trips to Mexico and antiques from their San Joaquin Valley family farm.

Then one enters the terrace room, with a brick patio dating back to 1920 when the house was built. Two of the orange trees date from that time, now accompanied by a large Japanese maple, curly hazelnut (Harry Lauder's Walking Stick) in a pot and pieris, a shrub with charming flowers. A fish pond is along one wall.

With four French doors opening from the living room and dining room, "It's a protected place to eat," with the bricks heating up and the fence buffering any wind, Duane said.

There's color throughout the year, with clematis, for example, at its peak in February, and

orange clivia following.

In the backyard, an area paved with tumbled limestone encourages more outdoor dining. Tall podocarpus, an evergreen shrub, screens the yard from the neighbors, but also blocks out the sun. This paved area soon replaced lawn.

A larger lawn area was replaced with faux grass, with a bench arranged in one corner to best enjoy the view.

"It's warmer than real grass, and it cut the water bill a lot," Ann said.

The edges of that room are lined with trees: pink and white-flowering dogwoods, a tricolored beech and Japanese maples.

Many of the plants in the Kalars' home began as discoveries when they were traveling. In Atlanta, Ann spotted a pink-flowering dogwood on a home tour. "We bought a scrawny plant, about three feet tall and put it in a wine barrel in our former house," Duane said. They transported the tree to the pool area of their new home, but moved it after a couple of years when it didn't thrive. Forty years later it's doing well.

One Christmas Ann bought Duane a "jogging" bench, a 10-foot long bench from Charleston, S.C., that will hold up to 1,500 pounds.

The tumbled limestone pavers lead you to the final room, a pool area, with a



The edges of the Kalars' garden, which is featured on the garden tour, are lined with trees.

nearly 100-year-old grapefruit tree (chock full of fruit) nearby. Lining the fence is a low boxwood hedge with shaped balls, a row of iceberg-rose trees and a yellow-flowering cat's claw vine.

The lush garden features plants that flower at different times during the year; for the tour, visitors should be able to see jacaranda (inspired by Ann's family's South African roots), white wisteria and potted tulips, among others.

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What: "Gather in the Garden" - Gamble Garden Spring Tour

When: Friday and Saturday, April 28 and 29, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Where: Five gardens in Palo Alto plus Gamble Garden, 1431 Waverley St., Palo Alto

Cost: \$35 general admission, \$30 for members, \$25 for volunteers; lunch tickets are \$15 for pre-boxed turkey or vegetarian options catered by Café Primavera

Info: Register online at www.gamblegarden.org or call 650-329-1356.



The garden is peppered with memorabilia.

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For much of the last 40 years, Duane and Ann have tended their large garden themselves, but a few months ago, Duane gave himself an 80th birthday gift — garden help four hours a week.

Other homes on the spring tour include:

— A garden inspired by Colonial Williamsburg (designed by Bill Derringer);

— A garden teeming with daffodils, tulips, Akebono cherry blossoms and azaleas (designed by Katsy Swan);

— A restored Victorian

garden with space for adults to host events and children to play (designed by Janell Denler Hobart of Denler Hobart Gardens LLC);

— A flower-filled garden with Mediterranean flavor (designed by Kim Raftery).

In addition to the garden tour, there will be live music, a plant sale and vendors, as well as the annual “Over the Garden Fence” sale of gently used garden-related goods, antiques, china and linens, all at Gamble Garden. ■

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HOME SALES

Home sales are provided by California REsource, a real estate information company that obtains the information from the County Recorder's Office. Information is recorded from the deeds after the close of escrow and published within four to six weeks.

East Palo Alto

428 Green Street J. & G. Delgado to A. Morales for \$685,000 on 03/16/17; built 1948, 2bd, 1,280 sq.ft.; previous sale 05/30/2008, \$341,000

Los Altos

629 Benvenue Avenue Brew Trust to Tung Trust for \$2,805,000 on 03/28/17; built 1951, 3bd, 1,618 sq.ft.; previous sale 07/26/1995, \$514,000

745 Campbell Avenue Lomax Trust to A. Bodis for \$2,850,000 on 03/30/17; built 1959, 4bd, 2,114 sq.ft.

1871 Newcastle Drive Gardner Trust to J. Yuen for \$2,407,000 on 03/30/17; built 1959, 4bd, 1,701 sq.ft.

405 Old Oak Court J. Simes to Kwon Trust for \$3,215,000 on 03/28/17; built 1985, 3bd, 3,562 sq.ft.; previous sale 10/29/1986, \$550,000

1 West Edith Avenue #D219 Nichols Trust to Tseng Trust for \$2,325,000 on 03/30/17; built 1997, 3bd, 1,861 sq.ft.

43 Woods Lane Quacchia Trust to H. Liu for \$1,158,000 on 03/30/17; built 1973, 2bd, 1,264 sq.ft.; previous sale 02/21/1995, \$300,000

Los Altos Hills

27022 Dezahara Way Hyver Trust to G. Singh for \$3,135,000 on 03/30/17; built 1972, 5bd, 3,200 sq.ft.

23450 Ravensbury Avenue Jkak Trust to Barada Trust for \$4,575,000 on 03/28/17; built 1960, 4bd, 4,060 sq.ft.; previous sale 12/23/2003, \$2,800,000

514 8th Avenue N. Novruzova to D. & K. Vargha for \$1,410,000 on 03/16/17; built 1965, 2bd, 1,210 sq.ft.; previous sale 03/02/2016, \$1,188,000

570 Berkeley Avenue Riley Trust to Nobb 570 for \$3,190,000 on 03/16/17; built 1964, 7bd, 2,410 sq.ft.

2003 Camino Al Lago R. & M. Alter to S. Vanhorne for \$2,575,000 on 03/16/17; built 1940, 3bd, 1,980 sq.ft.; previous sale 09/30/1992, \$310,000

731 Fremont Street S. Sadlier to A. Bliznyuk for \$2,550,000 on 03/17/17; built 2011, 3bd, 1,768 sq.ft.

709 Harvard Avenue Johnson Trust to Harvard Menlo Park for \$2,820,000 on 03/17/17; built 1936, 4bd, 2,970 sq.ft.; previous sale 12/27/1984, \$273,000

1235 Mills Street M. & M. May to D. & K. MacKenzie for \$950,000 on 03/20/17; built 1980, 2bd, 1,070 sq.ft.; previous sale 03/13/2013, \$630,000

18 Patterson Avenue B. Bosch to M. Noorkami for \$2,200,000 on 03/17/17; built 1938, 2bd, 1,540 sq.ft.; previous sale 08/26/1998, \$675,000

202 Ravenswood Avenue Guth Trust to Kaske Trust for \$1,525,000 on 03/21/17; built 1964, 3bd, 1,840 sq.ft.; previous sale 06/06/2000, \$735,000

1104 Sevier Avenue D. Emerson to Trident Equity Group for \$380,000 on 03/24/17; built 1949, 2bd, 820 sq.ft.

1364 Sherman Avenue

Wagner Trust to R. Congdon for \$3,000,000 on 03/21/17; built 1970, 4bd, 2,584 sq.ft.; previous sale 06/15/2011, \$1,700,000

Mountain View

2025 California Street #44 E. Bessat to T. Biran for \$530,000 on 03/28/17; built 1965, 1bd, 668 sq.ft.; previous sale 09/15/2005, \$326,000

219 Carmelita Drive Canyongate Bay to Rostami Trust for \$1,999,000 on 03/28/17; built 1948, 2bd, 1,008 sq.ft.; previous sale 12/31/2015, \$1,820,000

117 Chetwood Drive Ramamurti Trust to X. Xu for \$1,670,000 on 03/28/17; built 1997, 3bd, 1,502 sq.ft.; previous sale 08/23/2000, \$715,000

188 College Avenue Colver Trust to E. Cheung-Young-Sen for \$1,460,000 on 03/29/17; built 1986, 3bd, 1,445 sq.ft.; previous sale 12/20/1996, \$252,000

99 East Middlefield Road #34 D. Lippitt to J. Xu for \$800,000 on 03/28/17; built 1969, 2bd, 1,083 sq.ft.; previous sale 06/19/2008, \$425,000

260 Franklin Street M. Sanders to S. Lee for \$1,780,000 on 03/30/17; built 1934, 2bd, 907 sq.ft.; previous sale 06/30/2004, \$680,000

1727 Marich Way M. Higgins to H. Wu for \$1,888,000 on 03/30/17; built 2006, 3bd, 1,874 sq.ft.

1939 Rock Street #4 S. & F. Lee to A. Sang for \$855,000 on 03/30/17; built 1934, 2bd, 805 sq.ft.; previous sale 06/05/2007, \$496,000

1874 San Luis Avenue E. Chen to N. Zhu for \$1,680,000 on 03/30/17; built 1951, 3bd, 1,311 sq.ft.; previous sale

06/19/2008, \$690,000

722 Sonia Way W. Liu to J. Lee for \$2,739,000 on 03/28/17; built 2014, 5bd, 2,859 sq.ft.; previous sale 03/13/2014, \$2,200,000

414 St. Emilion Court J. Brigham to K. Wang for \$1,295,000 on 03/28/17; built 1988, 3bd, 1,624 sq.ft.

905 West Middlefield Road #961 Winfrey Trust to A. Rugo for \$926,000 on 03/30/17; built 1978, 3bd, 1,200 sq.ft.; previous sale 02/08/1990, \$228,000

Palo Alto

277 Bryant Street Miller Trust to Y. Zhou for \$1,805,000 on 03/30/17; built 1968, 2bd, 1,320 sq.ft.; previous sale 10/18/2013, \$1,165,000

354 Embarcadero Road K. Salvesen to B. Kidd for \$2,800,000 on 03/29/17; built 1904, 4bd, 1,998 sq.ft.; previous sale 11/23/2010, \$992,000

139 Greenmeadow Way T. & C. Spahn to A. Vyas for \$1,400,000 on 03/30/17; built 1959, 2bd, 1,030 sq.ft.; previous sale 10/18/2011, \$610,000

3890 Grove Avenue R. & F. Fleming to R. Airan for \$2,750,000 on 03/28/17; built 1958, 4bd, 2,130 sq.ft.; previous sale 12/03/1998, \$565,000

1484 Hamilton Avenue Zsf Trust to S. & S. Yellamraju for \$4,850,000 on 03/30/17; built 1935, 3bd, 2,768 sq.ft.

156 Monroe Drive Corsiglia Trust to L. Woman for \$2,100,000 on 03/29/17; built 1949, 2bd, 888 sq.ft.

1304 Pitman Avenue Duckett Trust to S. & T. Banon for \$6,963,000 on 03/29/17; built 1937, 5bd, 2,842 sq.ft.; previous sale 06/20/1991, \$885,000

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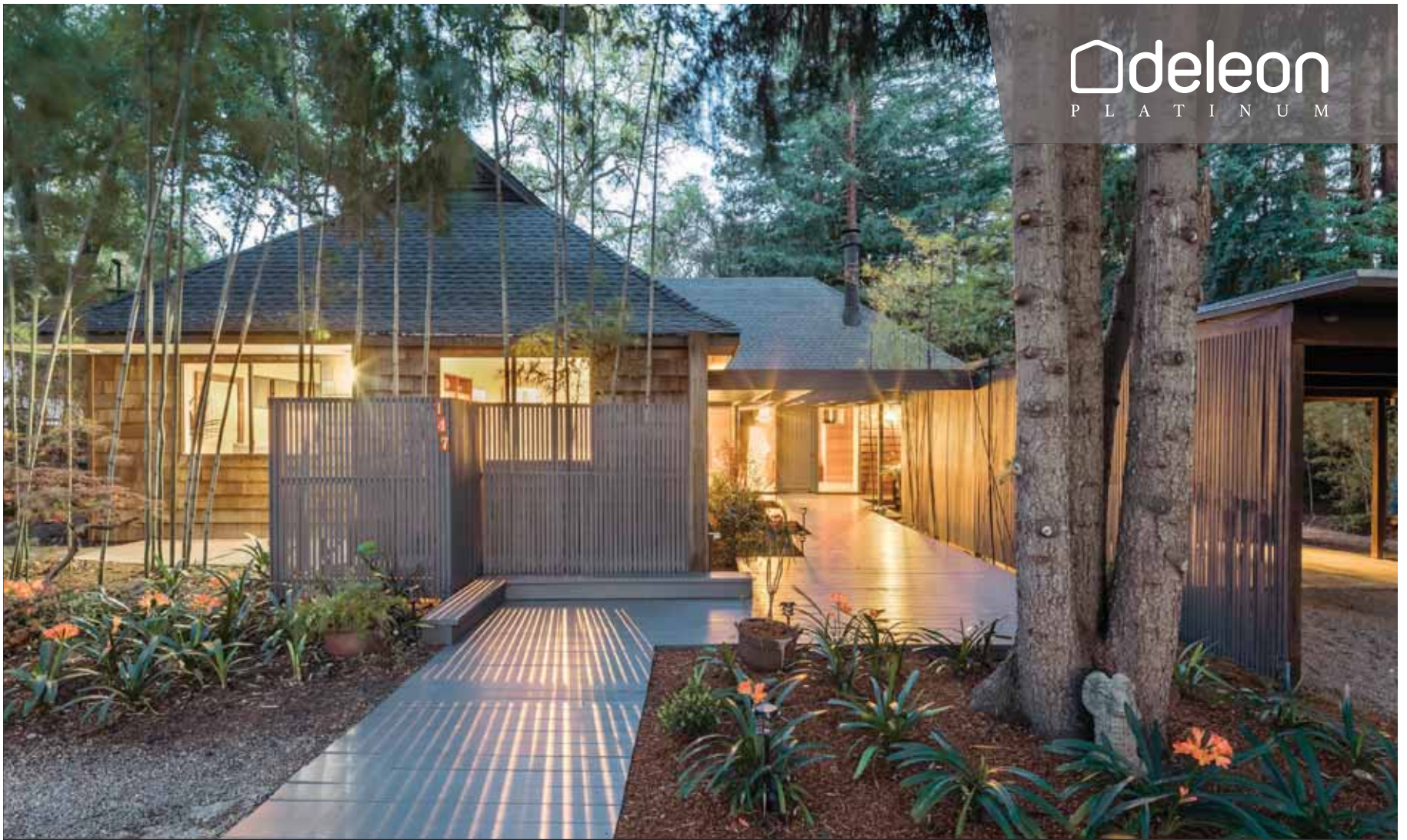
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147 Almedral Avenue, Atherton

Unparalleled Opportunity in West Atherton

Towering redwoods surround this jewel of a property, creating a woodland sanctuary of nearly one acre (per county) within this highly exclusive address. The spacious premises reveal an enchanting 4 bedroom, 3 bath home of approx. 2,500 sq. ft. (per county) that emanates custom Mid-Century Modern style, the byproduct of an architect influenced by the timeless designs of Charles Eames and Herman Miller. Boasting a stunning pyramid ceiling, updated amenities, and a versatile layout, the home can easily accommodate remodeling and even expansion. Tucked inside one of the most distinguished neighborhoods in Silicon Valley, this setting is within mere moments of the celebrated Menlo Circus Club, alluring downtown Menlo Park, and illustrious private schools.

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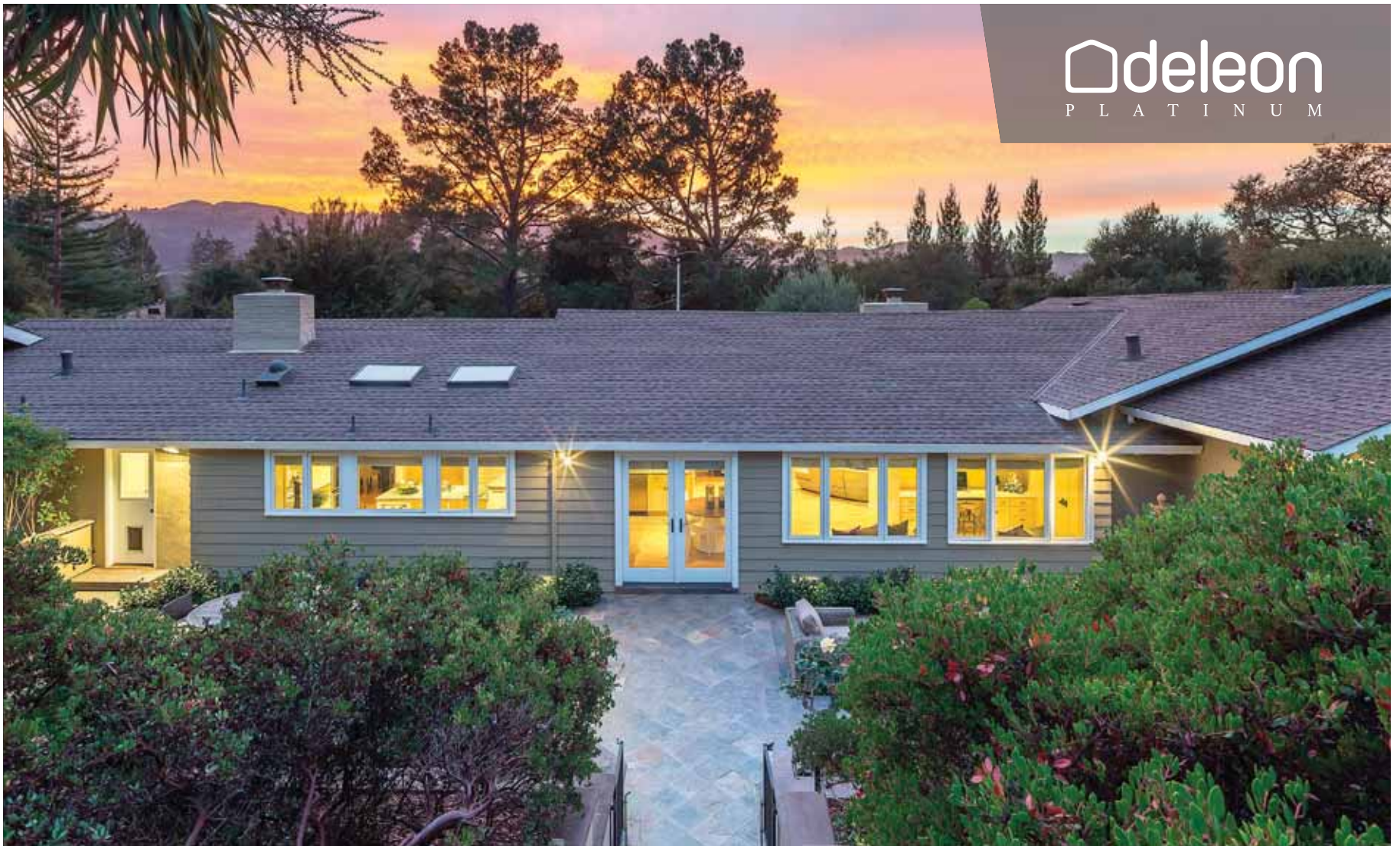
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Thick, wooded surroundings provide a screen of natural privacy around this lavishly upgraded 5 bedroom, 3 bath residence of nearly 4,000 sq. ft. (per county). Set along a serene cul-de-sac, this exquisite property of just over one acre (per county) is loaded with outdoor features like an alluring pool, a putting green, and a sport court, while flexible interior spaces blend contemporary comforts with understated elegance. Two fireplaces, soaring ceilings, multiple French doors and skylights, immense storage, and extravagantly remodeled bathrooms are just a few of the multitude of delightful amenities. Live within moments of shopping, dining, and outdoor recreation, and easily access sought-after public and private schools.

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70 Stadler Drive, Woodside

Tucked away on a quiet, hilltop property of 1.1 acres (per county), this gorgeous, solar-equipped 4 bedroom, 4 bath home of over 4,000 sq. ft. (per plans) offers an additional garage of 750 sq. ft. (per plans) and showcases outdoor living, dazzling bay views, and contemporary upgrades. Natural light cascades throughout the interior, and the rooms are flexibly designed to fit a variety of uses. Featuring a hot tub, a counter-current pool, and private access to the trail system of Wunderlich Park, this home is every athlete's dream, and the grounds are even zoned for equestrian use. Enjoy access to exceptional schools like Ormondale Elementary (API 923), Corte Madera Middle (API 937), and Woodside High (buyer to verify eligibility).

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2063 Gordon Avenue, Menlo Park

Extravagant yet practical living defines this 4 bedroom, 3 bathroom home of 2,550 sq. ft. (per county) that occupies a fabulously convenient lot of 5,000 sq. ft. (per county). Thoroughly refinished by a well-respected local designer, this like-new home presents breezy, flexible gathering areas centered by a breathtaking kitchen finished with chic marble and quartzite surfaces. Delightful amenities include two fireplaces, an enticing backyard retreat, stunning custom touches, and must-have features like high-end appliances and Sonos sound. Enjoy strolling to local dining, everyday conveniences, Sharon Hills Park, and terrific Las Lomitas schools (buyer to verify eligibility).

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WATERFRONT PROPERTY COMMANDS ELEGANCE

3217 Los Prados Street, San Mateo

Seamlessly blending modern living with stunning architectural details, this 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath home of approx. 2,300 sq. ft. (per county) rests on an exclusive waterfront property of over 7,000 sq. ft. (per county). Exposed wood beams elegantly frame open-concept spaces outfitted with stone accents, Nest climate control, Lutron lighting, surround sound, and a central vacuum system, while the terrace basks in serene majesty with waterfront views. This prime location puts amenities such as Los Prados Park and Marine Plaza Shopping Center within strolling distance, and fine schools such as Parkside Elementary, Bayside STEM Middle, and Hillsdale High are also near (buyer to verify eligibility).

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Capturing the spirit of the 1930's Spanish Revival architecture, this extensively remodeled and upgraded residence is reminiscent of the color, character and warmth of an earlier California. A labor of love, detail and authenticity guided the entire renovation process successfully blending the home's original character and ambiance with today's amenities and comforts. Period details include distinctive decorative tile work, rustic beam ceilings, wrought iron accents, and heavy carved doors.

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- Two-car garage
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PALATIAL ABODE SHOWCASES ELEGANT CHARACTER

9 Sylvian Way, Los Altos

Illuminated with abundant natural light is this tri-level 5 bedroom, 4 bathroom home of approx. 4,100 sq. ft. (per county) residing on almost 9,800 sq. ft. (per county) of property. Features such as classic crown molding, gorgeous hardwood floors, and built-in shelving establish character, while an exciting lower level offers a wet bar and a home theater. The home's central location puts it within strolling distance of Los Altos Library, Hillview Park and Community Center, and fine dining and shopping in downtown Los Altos. Excellent schools are also nearby, such as Santa Rita Elementary (API 941), Egan Junior High (API 976), and Los Altos High (API 895) (buyer to verify eligibility).

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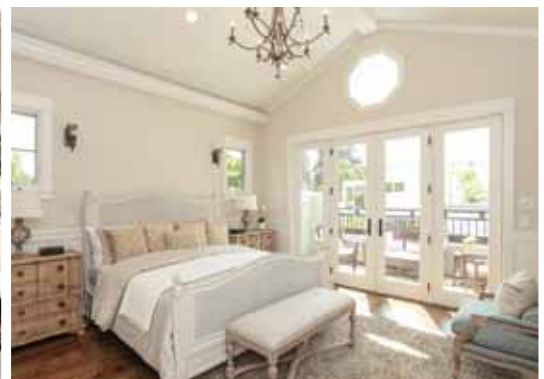
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REINVENTING AN EICHLER ATRIUM FOR 21ST-CENTURY LIVING

595 Almond Avenue, Los Altos

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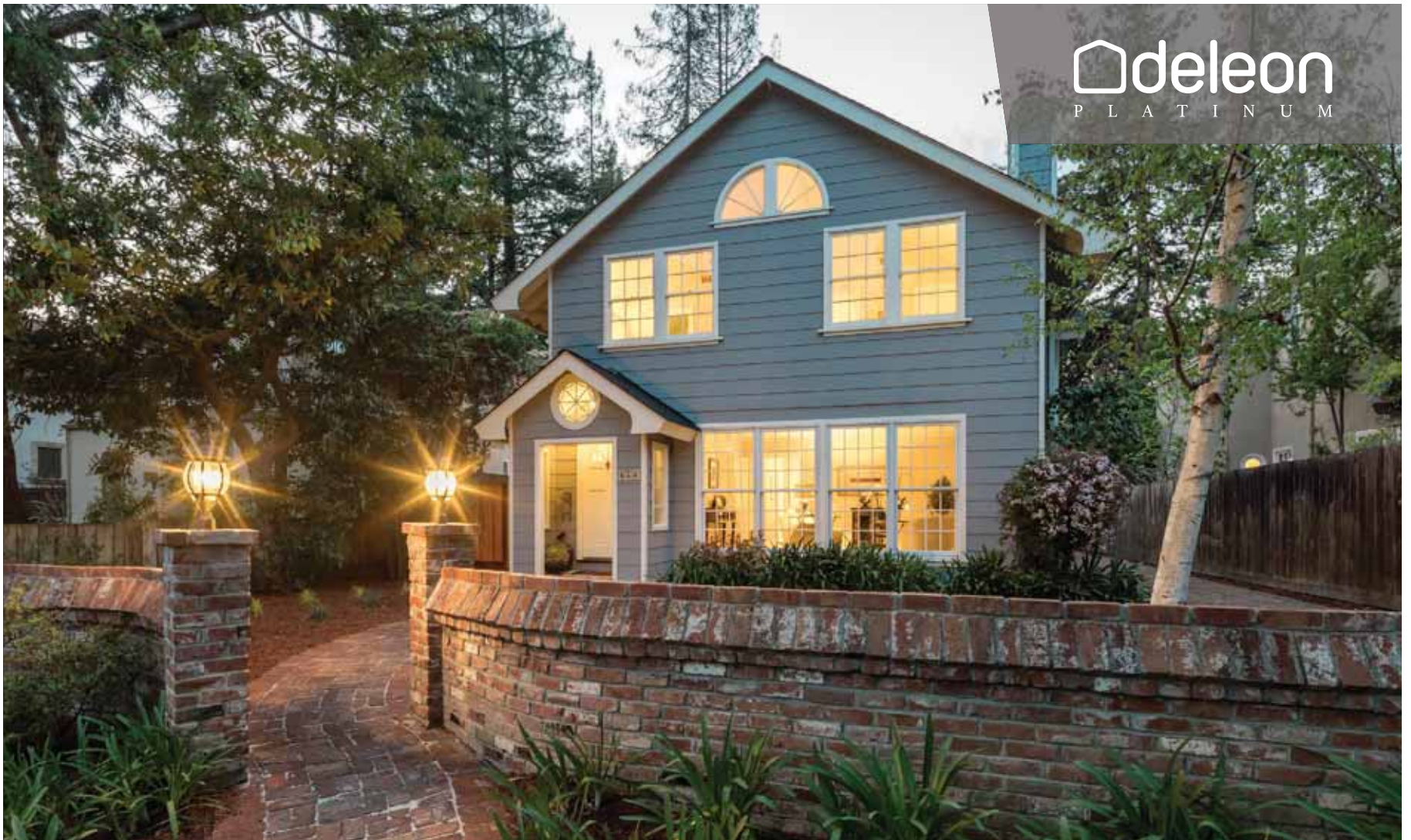
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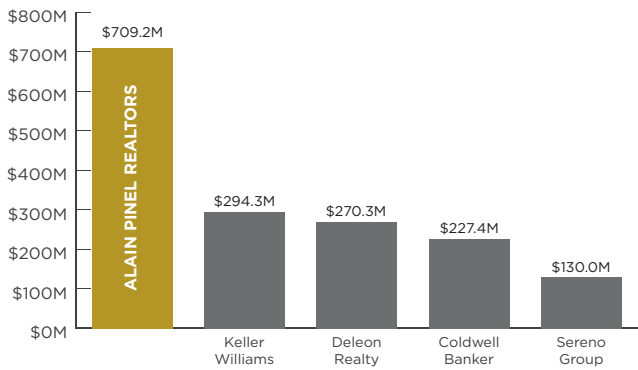


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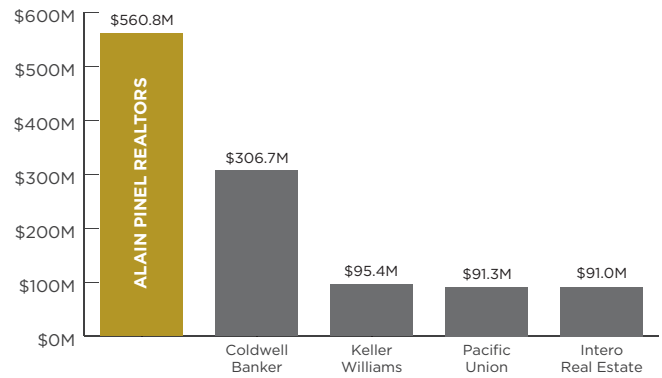
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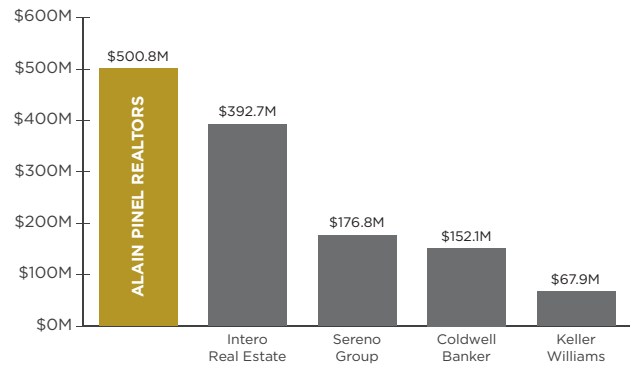
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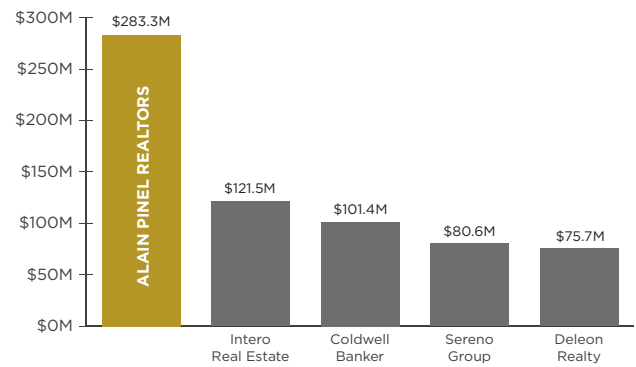
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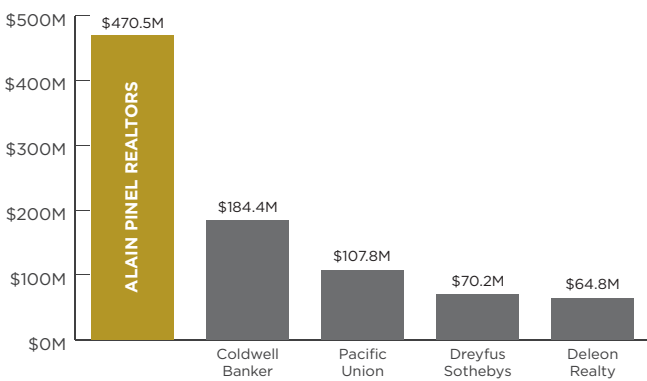
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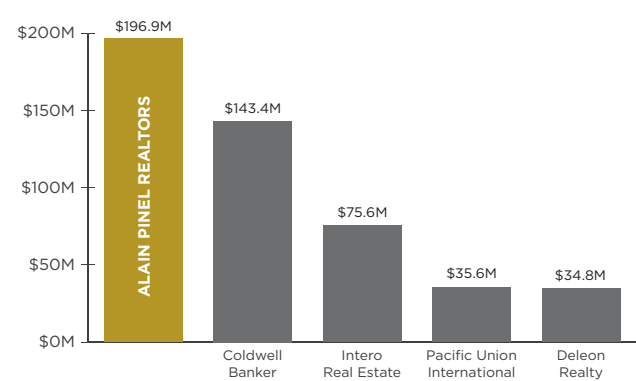
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WELCOMING SPACES CAPTURE DISTINCT ELEGANCE

521 Colorado Avenue, Palo Alto

Warm and distinguished spaces seamlessly blend classic features with high-end amenities in this 5 bedroom, 3 bathroom home of approx. 2,500 sq. ft. (per county) on a lot of over 7,000 sq. ft. (per county). Sun-lit spaces emphasize indoor-outdoor living with extensive windows, while features like hardwood floors, skylights, and high-end kitchen appliances grant luxury. The prime location puts this home within convenient strolling distance to Hoover Park, Midtown Shopping Center, and El Carmelo Elementary (API 944), while other excellent schools, such as JLS Middle (API 943) and Palo Alto High (API 905), are also nearby (buyer to verify eligibility).

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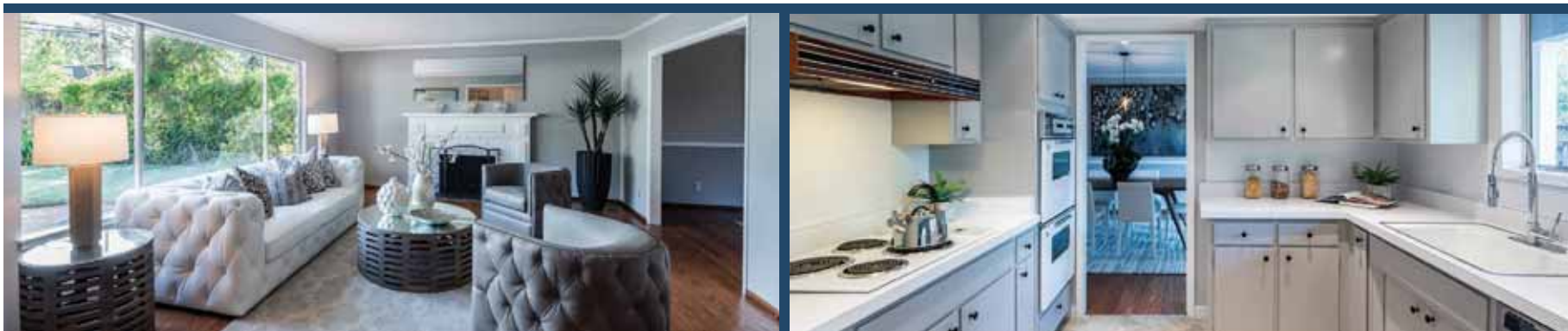
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TIMELESS CHARM IN PRESTIGIOUS SUBURBAN SETTING

919 Channing Avenue, Palo Alto

Fresh updates enhance the original character of this 5 bedroom, 2.5 bath home of approx. 2,800 sq. ft. (per county) which resides on a lot of nearly 8,500 sq. ft. (per county) in prime North Palo Alto. Spacious rooms are flooded with natural light which highlights crown molding and gorgeous hardwood floors, while new colors and renovated baths showcase style. This centrally located home is within convenient strolling distance of Eleanor Pardee Park, Palo Alto Children's Library, and Addison Elementary (API 947), while other excellent schools such as Jordan Middle (API 934) and Palo Alto High (API 905) are also within close proximity (buyer to verify eligibility).

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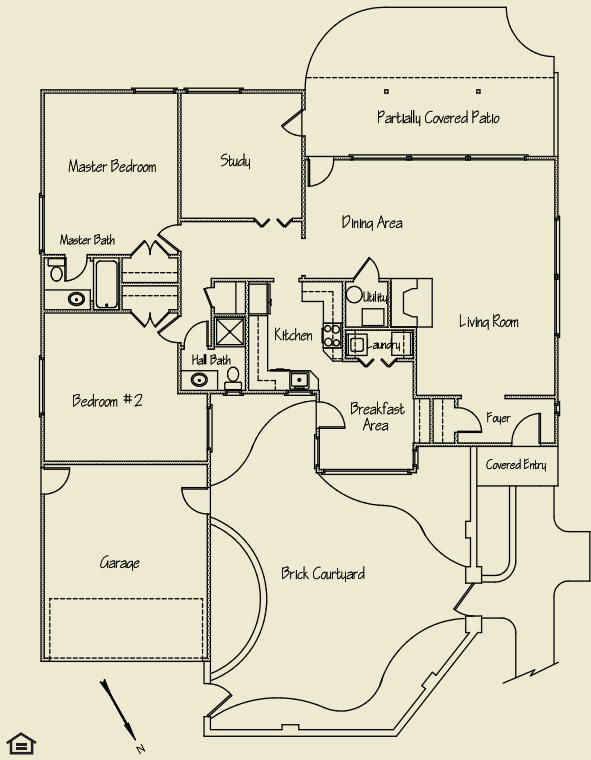
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NEW HOME REVEALS GLAMOROUS SOPHISTICATION

1832 Channing Avenue, Palo Alto

Bright and airy spaces resound with contemporary splendor throughout this brand-new 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath home of approx. 2,500 sq. ft. (per plans) on approx. 6,000 sq. ft. of property (per county). High-end amenities blend with the stucco-and-Brazilian-hardwood exterior, dramatic dormers, and automated clerestory windows to create a highly sustainable yet luxurious design. The open-concept layout inspires elegance while encouraging indoor-outdoor living with a folding glass wall to allow easy backyard access. This prime location grants convenient proximity to parks, libraries, and excellent schools like Duveneck Elementary (API 956), Jordan Middle (API 934), and Palo Alto High (API 905) (buyer to verify eligibility).

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Sports Shorts

DIVING DUOS . . . Olympian and Stanford junior **Kassidy Cook** won the national title in the synchronized 3-meter springboard and qualified for the World Championships. Cook competed at the USA Diving Synchronized National Championships in Atlanta. She and her partner, high school sophomore and World Junior champion **Maria Coburn**, earned a spot at the World Championships in Budapest, Hungary, with their national title in the synchronized 3-meter springboard. Coburn, who dives for Longhorn Aquatics, is coached by Stanford grad **Dwight Dumais**. The pair topped the field by nearly 50 points with a winning score of 573.15. In the 13U girls synchronized 1-meter final, Stanford Diving Club's **Supisara Shaunteh Lim** teamed with Arrow Dive Club's **Elena Yeh** to win a national title with 528.30 points. The pair also won the 13U platform event. Lim won the USA National Zone Championships in Salt Lake City last July in the 12-13 3-meter event. She also placed among the top three in the 1-meter and platform events. Yeh and Lim were second in the 3-meter event in Atlanta with a score of 513.24. Stanford diving's **Francesca Noviello** and **Elizabeth Miclau** placed fifth in the girls 14-18 synchronized platform final.

NET RESULTS ... Stanford middle blocker **Kevin Rakestraw** earned second team all-Mountain Pacific Sport Federation recognition in men's volleyball. Cardinal sophomore outside hitter **Jordan Ewert** earned

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College baseball: Stanford, 6 p.m. Oregon Live Stream

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College lacrosse: San Diego State at Stanford, 1 p.m., Stanford Live Stream

Tuesday

College baseball: Santa Clara at Stanford, 5:30 p.m., Stanford Live Stream

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Menlo School grad Michaela Michael (2) defends Cardinal's Adrienne Anderson in last year's MPSF championship game at Stanford.

It's senior day for Michael and Kelty too

Menlo School, Palo Alto grads part of undefeated USC squad

by Rick Eymmer

Senior Kelsey Murray scored six times in helping the Stanford lacrosse team beat host California 15-12 Friday and giving coach Amy Bokker her 100th career win on The Farm.

Senior Anna Salemo added three goals for the Cardinal (10-4, 5-1), which won its third straight heading into Friday's home showdown against USC (12-3, 6-0).

Menlo School grad Michaela Michael and Palo Alto grad Nina Kelty will be making their final appearance in the Bay Area as collegiate players. Both are seniors with the Trojans and both

have made significant contributions to USC's rise to prominence in the sport.

Michael is a two-time All-American and two-time defending Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Player of the Year.

As an encore to a record-setting junior season, Michael is on pace to match or surpass her goal totals. She scored 68 goals last year and has 54 entering Friday's 5 p.m. game against Stanford.

With the possibility of between four-to-eight additional games, should Michael continue to match her current season scoring average of 3.60, fifth in the country, she would do herself one better.

Michael, a 10-time MPSF Player of the Week selection, including in back-to-back weeks earlier in April, has 181 career goals and 250 points.

She owns school and conference records for single-season (123) and single-game (15) draw controls. She'll likely surpass her season mark this year as she already has 97 (tied for seventh nationally) on the year.

Michael has appeared in all 74 games, with 73 starts, since walking onto the USC campus.

Kelty, who has also started 73 of 74 games, may not see her name in lights as often but the defender has helped the Trojans

become the nation's top defensive team, allowing 6.47 goals per game. USC also tops the nation in scoring margin.

Depending on the outcome of this weekend's play, the Trojans, Colorado or Stanford could earn any of the top three seeds for the conference tournament, important in that the top two seeds receive a bye directly into the semifinals.

The MPSF tournament champion also gets the conference's automatic bid into the NCAA tournament. USC hosts the event at McAlister Field, with quarterfinals beginning Thursday, April

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PREP BASEBALL

Vikings forced to wait to clinch title

Palo Alto loses first SCVAL game in walk-off fashion

by Glenn Reeves

If it's true that good things come to those who wait, the Palo Alto baseball team should be prepared to celebrate Friday.

One pitch away from a 1-0 loss, then one pitch away from a 2-1 win, the Vikings ended up losing 3-2 to Mountain View in an SCVAL De Anza Division game at Mountain View.

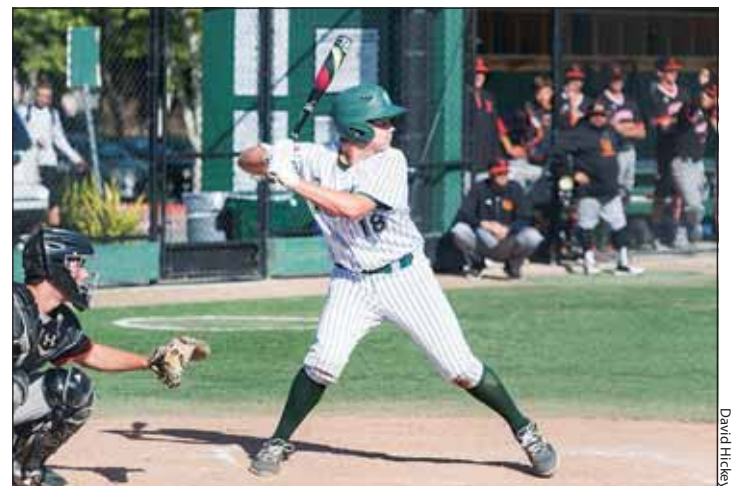
A win would have given Palo Alto an outright De Anza Division title. Now they will need to do it at home Friday when they

host the Spartans.

The Vikings have a three-game lead with three games to play. Los Gatos (14-7, 7-4) beat Saratoga to remain in the hunt.

Mountain View (14-6-2, 6-4-1) got a run in the first inning as the result of a pair of singles and a pair of sacrifice bunts. In an unorthodox move, cleanup batter Bryan Rau squeezed in the run with a bunt in a first-and-third, one-out situation.

One run didn't seem like much to overcome for Palo Alto (17-4, 10-1) and its healthy .300 team



Palo Alto's Josh Kasevich delivered an RBI single in the top of the seventh to give Palo Alto a 2-1 lead.

batting average. But on this occasion it nearly stood up all the way.

Max Jung-Goldberg singled to lead off the game for Paly. Mountain View pitcher Joe Perrino proceeded to set down the next

17 batters he faced until Jung-Goldberg singled with two out in the sixth.

"He did a good job with his

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Stanford roundup

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27 at noon.

The Cardinal rallied to beat the Bears, who opened a 4-1 lead. Stanford tied it by halftime and then scored the first three goals of the second half.

Bokker is in her ninth season as Stanford's coach. Getting No. 100 against Cal may have made it a little more special. The Cardinal extended its winning streak to 14 against the Bears, 13 under Bokker.

Murray scored five of her goals in the first half and was one of six different players to net a goal in the second half.

She was named the MPSF Women's Lacrosse Offensive Player of the Week for her play last week, scoring a career-best seven goals against Fresno State and adding another five against Oregon to help the Cardinal clinch a spot in the MPSF Tournament.

Murray amassed 12 goals and three assists for 15 points as well as one ground ball and two caused turnovers.

She is second in Stanford history in assists (74) and points (204) and sixth in goals (130). This is Murray's fourth career MPSF weekly honor.

Men's gymnastics

No. 2 Stanford will pursue its sixth national title at the NCAA championships this week at Army West Point and its first since 2011, when the team won the school's 100th NCAA title.

The Cardinal (15-3) begins competition Friday at 10 a.m. in Session I and will compete against No. 3 Ohio State, No. 6 Penn State, No. 7 Nebraska No. 10 Air Force and No. 11 Michigan. The top three teams advance to Saturday's finals.

Stanford, led by all-around gymnast Akash Modi, has been phenomenal all season, spending every week ranked No. 2 in the NCAA behind Oklahoma.

Modi has earned 19 individual event victories against NCAA teams this year in all-around (6), parallel bars (5), floor (3), pommel horse (4) and high bar (1).

He earned MPSF Gymnast of the Year honors for the fourth consecutive season, the first gymnast in MPSF history to do so and only the third athlete in conference history, with Stanford water polo legend Tony Azevedo. Modi also owns the NCAA career record in CGA Gymnast of the Week awards, with 16. ■

Sports shorts

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honorable mention and setter Paul Bischoff earned a spot on the MPSF all-freshmen team.

MARATHON MAN ... EPATT Director of Operations **Adrian Amaral**, a graduate of EPATT's after-school program, became the first person from East Palo Alto to qualify for and run the Boston Marathon, completing the course with a highly respectable 3:11. He ranked 1,782 in the Elite Runner division.

ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



Charlotte Schroeder

M-A TRACK AND FIELD

The senior hurdler set a personal best 49.46 in winning the 300 hurdles at the Serra Top 7 meet over the weekend. The time is the sixth-best to date in the Central Coast Section. Schroeder also runs the 100 meter hurdles and on both relays.



Kent Slaney

PALY TRACK AND FIELD

The senior distance runner placed first in three events, winning the 800, the 1,600 and the 3,200 meters in the Vikings dual meet victory over Los Gatos. Slaney ran a season best 9:41.99 in the 3,200. Palo Alto swept all three distance races.

Honorable mention

Sophie Frick

Palo Alto softball

Andrea Garcia-Milla

Gunn lacrosse

Zoe Luck

Palo Alto swimming

Electa Narasin

Menlo track and field

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Prep baseball

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off-speed pitches on the outside corner," Palo Alto coach Pete Fukuhara said of Perrone. "We did not do a good job of adjusting our approach. We rolled over a lot of balls and popped up a lot of balls. We paid the price for that."

Perrone retired the first two batters he faced in the top of the seventh before walking Angus Stayte on a 3-2 pitch. Hyunwoo Roh pinch ran for Stayte.

Mountain View's outfielders had made several nice catches on balls that were held up by the wind. But the next batter, Jonathan Gottlieb, hit a long drive over the left fielder's head for a double to score Roh from first and tie the game. Josh Kasevich followed with a line-drive single to score Gottlieb and give Palo Alto a 2-1 lead.

Kasevich, a sophomore first baseman, had been struggling at the plate with a batting average under .200. But Fukuhara said he didn't even consider pinch hitting.

"He's a young player with really good tools," Fukuhara said of Kasevich. "He's starting to take better at-bats. He's a kid who is here to stay."

Starter Ryan Chang gave up a leadoff single in the bottom of

the seventh and Fukuhara summoned closer Niko Lillios from third base.

Lillios got two outs but then walked two batters to load the bases. That brought up freshman Tristan Silveira, a very promising hitter, who blistered a line drive up the alley in left-center for a two-run double to end the game and give Mountain View the win.

"Palo Alto is a great team with a history the last 10 or 12 years of always competing for league titles," Mountain View coach Kris Mims said. "We were in the 'B' league last year. We're just trying to compete with the big boys."

Elsewhere:

John Gardner drove in a pair of runs but Sacred Heart Prep dropped an 8-4 decision to visiting Burlingame in a PAL Bay Division contest.

Mike York also drove in a run for the Gators, (6-12-1, 2-5), who travel to Burlingame for a 4 p.m. game Friday.

Joseph King collected a pair of hits, including a grand slam, and drove in six runs but host Carmont hit its own grand slam and went on to beat Woodside 17-7 in a PAL Bay contest Wednesday.

Woodside was held to four hits, but made the most of them. The Wildcats also drew five walks.

Tim Goode also drove in a run for Woodside, which hosts Carmont at 4 p.m. Friday. ■

PREP ROUNDUP

Palo Alto, Gunn both win in softball

Menlo takes over first in PAL Ocean baseball

by Rick Eyrer

The Palo Alto softball team has a chance to make a move in the SCVAL El Camino Division standings when it hosts co-leader Saratoga at 4 p.m. Friday. The Vikings remained within striking distance by beating host Cupertino 15-5 on Wednesday.

Sydney Liu doubled twice and drove in four runs and Mackenzie Glassford added three hits, including a triple, scored four times, and drove in four runs for the Vikings (8-3, 4-2).

Fabiana Teofan pitched the first 5 1/3 innings to gain credit for the victory. The sophomore improved to 4-0 on the season.

Eight different players recorded at least one hit and seven drove in runs. Maggie Renteria had two hits and rove in two runs, Sophie Frick doubled and drove in a pair of runs, Teddie Stewart added three hits, scored four times and drove in a run.

Madeline Frick collected two hits and an RBI while Ella Jones had a hit and RBI. Abigail Black also hit safely for the Vikings.

In another El Camino Division game, Maddy Wiseman threw a three-hitter over five innings and

Gunn topped host Lynbrook 11-0.

Wiseman struck out three, walked two and added a hit and two RBIs for the Titans (5-8, 3-4), who host Cupertino at 4 p.m. Friday.

Senior Adele Colwell and sophomore Tori Mock each had two hits and drove in two runs, and junior Romi Miller and freshman each had a hit and drove in a pair of runs.

Baseball

Menlo School won the duel of Peninsula Athletic League Ocean Division co-leaders, beating visiting Half Moon Bay 3-1 Tuesday behind senior right-hander Griff McGarry's gem.

The Virginia-bound senior struck out 12, allowed three hits, and gave up one unearned run in going the distance.

McGarry (5-0) helped the Knights (10-7, 6-1) assume sole possession of first place.

Girls lacrosse

Menlo School downed host Carondelet 9-8 in overtime Wednesday. The Knights (10-2, 3-0) meet Castilleja on Friday at El Camino Field at 3 p.m. in a WBAL match. ■

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620 Catala Ct "Staycation" Huge 10,210 sf lot w/ remodeled 4br/2.5ba home. Oversized 2.5 car garage! 4 BR 2.5 BA
Deniece Smith 650.325.6161
CalBRE#01295757



San Carlos **Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30** **\$899,000**
929 Holly St Beautifully remodeled with granite countertops and a bonus home office 2 BR 2 BA
Gordon Ferguson 650.325.6161
CalBRE#01038260



Menlo Park **Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30** **\$895,000**
2379 Sharon Rd Quiet private unit w/lovely balcony, 1 car garage, +XL storage rm & designated parking space 2 BR 1 BA
Alexandra von der Groeben 650.325.6161
CalBRE#00857515



Menlo Park **Sat/Sun 1:30 - 3:30** **\$850,000**
2140 Santa Cruz Ave A102 Sought after "stretch" unit at Menlo Commons-2BD/2BA totally remodeled-1st floor. 2 BR 2 BA
Beth Leathers 650.324.4456
CalBRE#01131116



Menlo Park **Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30** **\$849,000**
25 Willow Rd 49 Single level, ground floor, remodeled condominium. Impeccable finishes throughout. 1 BR 1 BA
Billy McNair 650.324.4456
CalBRE#01343603



San Carlos **Sat/Sun 1:30 - 4:30** **\$849,000**
1058 Montgomery St Home has gone through extensive renovations in 1993 and in need of some TLC. 2 BR 1 BA
Terri Thompson 650.324.4456
CalBRE#01831807



Atherton **COMING SOON** **Call for Price**
30 Adam Way Expansive 5 bdrm, 3 bth on 1+ acre in prime West Atherton. Call for details. 5 BR 3 BA
Pat McDonnell/Kelly Griggs 650.324.4456
CalBRE#01926896/01812313



Menlo Park **Sun 1:30 - 4:30** **Call for Price**
445 Oak Grove 11 Welcome home to this remodeled and private, upstairs corner unit with spacious great room 3 BR 2 BA
Karen Fryling/Rebecca Johnson 650.324.4456
CalBRE#7000667

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